

The University Senate constituencies are defined as follows:

- a. Each academic department is one constituency. The number of members of the Senate

And so forth, in increments of fifteen (15).

b. The Senate is elected in the Spring of the previous year for the next academic year based on the constituency members in the department at that time, not on projected or even expected numbers for the Fall. Once the Senate is constituted it remains as is until the next election cycle regardless of numbers increasing or decreasing within a constituency in a given academic year.

3. In addition to Senators apportioned to the constituencies defined in III.2, there will eight (8) Senators elected at-large from among the full-time faculty, librarians, coaches, and professional staff, with four (4) elected in each academic year.

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a. Senators will serve for two (2) years.

b. The Senate year (term) begins on July 1 and ends June 30, except for the organization meeting of the incoming Senate, which occurs in May.

c. Senators shall be elected with staggered terms, dividing the number elected in each year as evenly as possible into two election cycles. As senators are added, the elections committee shall, with the advice and consent of the Senate, determine the election cycle in which new senators will serve so to maintain the most even division of senators into staggered terms as possible.

d. Each department shall elect its senator(s) by a secret ballot supervised by the department chairperson by March 15 of the year the term expires.

e. Elections other than those for departments - professional staff, the library, and Camden Campus - shall be supervised by the Vice-President of the Senate in accordance with the bylaws of the University Senate by March 15 of each year.

f. Election of at-large senators shall be supervised by the Senate elections committee under provisions of Bylaws and chaired by the Vice-President of the Senate after all the department, library, professional staff, and Camden Campus constituencies have completed their elections.

g. Additional procedures for the conduct of the elections committee, not in conflict with any provisions in this constitution, may be adopted by the Senate as bylaws.

h. The new Senate shall meet at least once before the end of the academic year in progress to reorganize for the upcoming academic year, but may not conduct any other official Senate business.