

## Proposal to change the Faculty Senate Bylaws, November 2012

### Current Wording

"Each elected senator shall be elected to a one or two-year term as determined by their academic department with a maximum term limit of four years before relinquishing the seat for a minimum of two years. If the University Faculty elects a senator as Faculty Senate Vice-President, the term limitations do not apply during the two-year term of commitment."

### Proposed Wording

"Each elected senator shall be elected to a one or two-year term as determined by their academic department with a maximum term limit of four years before relinquishing the seat for a minimum of two years. If the University Faculty elects a senator as Faculty Senate Vice President for their fourth year, the term limitations do not apply during the fifth year and the senator may serve a fifth year as a senator and as Senate President. Then the senator must sit out for two years after his/her service as President before being re-elected as a senator, VP, or President."

### 1. Faculty Senate Proposal: Do you approve the Proposed Wording?

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Yes	89.0%	73
No	11.0%	9

### 2. Comment (optional)

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1. I'm only voting yes because I've been assured by my senators that this is prudent. Having said that, is this really the most pressing issue of the semester for the Faculty Senate? I hope the Senate is not becoming a contraption of smoke and mirrors for the faculty, thereby distracting them

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student opinion survey questions, the dated state of the honor code for faculty, and the irony in the word tenure as we know it to be used at ORU as merely a longer contract, to name a few.

2. Not clear why Faculty Senate has term limits in the first place. Why shouldn't a department choose whoever its wishes? If necessary, though, the proposed wording is clearer.

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There are a couple of usage errors in this wording:

1. One should be hyphenated as it refers to one-year term e.g. "Each elected senator shall be elected to a one- or two-year term...."
2. In that same sentence the term "each" is singular and should be followed by his/her as the pronoun instead of "their" e.g. ...as determined by his/her academic department with a maximum term limit of four years before relinquishing the seat for a minimum of two years.
3. 3. If the university faculty (no caps)...
4. If the university faculty elects a senator as a Faculty Senate Vice President for a (not their) fourth year....
5. ...sit out for two years after his/her service as president before being re-elected as a senator, VP or president." Optional: Caps are used in advance of a person's name to indicate title, but probably not here--as senator is not capitalized either. VP is upper case as an acronym for the title, but I would suggest this also be spelled out.

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4. Thx for new clarity!

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5. A department should be free to appoint any faculty member they choose. A faculty member who runs for president probably wants to stay in the senate.

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