

Motion by the Faculty Executive Committee, the Undergraduate Council of Students, the Graduate Student Council and the Medical Student Senate to revise the Faculty Rules and Regulations.

SUMMARY: Motion to revise the *Faculty Rules and Regulations* regarding the University Resources Committee (URC) for the purpose of altering the process of selecting student representatives to serve on the committee from an election to an appointments process, similar to the process currently utilized to appoint staff representatives to serve on the URC, for the purpose of adding a second graduate student to serve on the committee to increase continuity across terms, and for the purpose of changing the term of service for the medical student member.

MOTION: That the Faculty, in Part 1, Section 2. III. C. 2 and 4 of the *Faculty Rules & Regulations* delete the existing language as struck-through below and replace it with the proposed new language underlined and in bold below, effective July 1, 2008.

Faculty Rules & Regulations

Part 1. Membership, Meetings and Committees

Section 2. Committees: Faculty Members Elected by the Faculty

III. Standing Committees

C. University Resources Committee (URC)

2. Membership

There shall be six faculty members, five administrators as ex-officio members, ~~four~~ **five** students **appointed by their respective elected representative governing body in consultation with the Provost,** and two staff members appointed by the Staff Advisory Committee in consultation with the Provost. The administrators include the Provost; Executive Vice President for Planning; Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration; the Dean of the Faculty; and the Dean of Biology and Medicine. The student members shall include two **each** from The College and **the Graduate School and** one each from ~~the Graduate School and~~ the Medical School. **Student members appointed to the Committee may not concurrently serve as Officers of their respective governing body (the Undergraduate Council of Students, the Graduate Student Council and the Medical Student Senate, respectively).**

The Provost is the Chair ex officio. The Vice Chair shall be a Faculty member in his/her second year of service on the Committee. Normally the Vice Chair shall be elected by the Committee at the start of the term of new members.

3. Term of Office

Faculty member terms shall be three years. Graduate and undergraduate
sStudent member terms shall be two years and the medical student term
shall be one year.

Terms of office shall normally begin on March 1 following the election held
or appointment process conducted in the preceding winter.

4. Method of Election

- a. Each year a ballot will be prepared with two positions with two faculty members per position for election by electronic ballot by the Faculty. Candidates for each slate are to be chosen by the Committee on Nominations in consultation with the Provost after seeking nominations from the voting faculty. The candidate on each slate with the majority of the votes will serve on URC; the other candidate will serve as an alternate, as appropriate. Candidates should be representative of the divisions of knowledge in the university and diversity in the Faculty. Upon the expiration of his or her term, a member shall not be eligible for reelection until one year has elapsed, except that those persons elected for terms of one year or less may be candidates to succeed themselves.
- b. Chairs of academic divisions and departments, and faculty members holding appointments as administrative officers are not eligible for elected membership on the Committee. Members of the faculty elected to the Committee may not concurrently serve as members of the FEC.
- ~~e. Undergraduate Students. On or about February 15, the Undergraduate Council of Students shall hold a ballot election available to all full-time undergraduate students.
 - ~~i. The ballot shall be prepared by the Undergraduate Council of Students with the approval of the Provost. The number of candidates shall be at least twice the number of open positions.~~
 - ~~ii. The positions shall be designated for candidates available to serve a two-year term.~~
 - ~~iii. The nominees receiving the greatest number of votes will be elected. In the event of a tie, a runoff election by ballot will be held to determine the winner.~~
 - ~~iv. Students elected to the Committee may not concurrently serve as members of the Undergraduate Council of Students.~~
 - ~~v. In the event of a vacancy, the remainder of the vacant term shall be filled by means of a ballot, prepared in the manner provided above. A vacancy that occurs within the final semester of the member's term of office shall not be filled.~~~~
- d. ~~Graduate Students. On or about February 15 of the year in which a vacancy occurs, the Graduate Student Council shall hold a ballot election available to all full-time graduate students.~~

- ~~—— i. The ballot will be prepared by the Graduate Student Council with the approval of the Provost. It shall contain the names of at least two full time graduate students, each of whom shall have completed not less than two semesters of graduate work at Brown.~~
- ~~—— ii. The candidate receiving a plurality will be elected. In the event of a tie vote, a run off election by ballot will be held to determine the winner.~~
- ~~—— iii. Students elected to the Committee may not concurrently serve as members of the Graduate Student Council.~~
- ~~—— iv. In the event of a vacancy, a special election shall be held, in the manner prescribed above. The graduate student so elected shall serve until the second meeting following March 1.~~
- ~~e. Medical Students. On or about February 15 of the year in which a vacancy occurs, the Medical Student Senate shall hold a ballot election available to all full time students in the School of Medicine.~~
 - ~~—— i. The ballot will be prepared by the Medical Student Senate with the approval of the Provost. It shall contain the names of at least two full time students in the School of Medicine each of whom shall have completed not less than two semesters in the School of Medicine at Brown.~~
 - ~~—— ii. The candidate receiving a plurality will be elected. In the event of a tie vote, a run off election by ballot will be held to determine the winner.~~
 - ~~—— iii. Students elected to the Committee may not concurrently serve as members of the Medical Student Senate.~~
 - ~~—— iv. In the event of a vacancy, a special election shall be held, in the manner prescribed above. The Medical student so elected shall serve until the second meeting following March 1.~~

RATIONALE:

When the URC was established by the Faculty in 2002-2003 the process for selecting student representatives – an election process – was carried over from the charge of the predecessor committee, ACUP. In recent years the respective student government bodies for the College, the Medical School and the Graduate Council have been appointing student members of the committee, in consultation with the Provost. It is felt by the student governments that an election process for this committee is unwieldy and inefficient. Replacing a ballot election with an appointment process similar to that in place for staff representatives (in which each student government would appoint student representatives to serve on the committee in consultation with the Provost) is expected to be more effective and efficient for the students and consistent with actual practice in recent years.

This motion will also amend the faculty rules to add another graduate student member to the University Resources Committee. This change would allow greater continuity from year to year, because of staggered terms. A similar change was approved in March 2005 for adding a second staff member. The term of the medical student has been shortened to one year to accommodate changes in the medical school curriculum.