*SUMMARY OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO BYLAWS: ARTICLE VI, “ELECTIONS”*

* *Introduce into the Bylaws the three newly-defined constituencies: teaching faculty departments, professional staff departments and offices, and divisional areas (New Section 1.A)*

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* *Apply similar representational rules (and rights) to professional staff departments and offices that are applied to teaching faculty*

*(New Section 1.B, which revises old Section 1.A).*

* *Add a provision to allow senators who initially serve partial terms (filling the term of another senator, or initially being elected to a seat with a reduced term of office), to be re-elected up to two times for a maximum of 8 years of continuous service (New Section C.3.b).*
* *Add wording in Bylaws that acknowledges that some departments/offices select senators using an appointment procedure rather than a formal election process. The exception is divisional areas which have no centralized organization, thereby making appointments to the Faculty Senate impossible (referenced throughout).*
* *“Clean up” the wording and presentation of the Article to improve clarity of election processes.*

*ADDITIONAL NOTES:*

* *Above proposed changes are needed as a result of Senate-approved redistribution of seats and changes in seat allocations from 2014-15;*
* *Next steps will be to revise corresponding Faculty Senate Resolutions to ensure details of election process have consistency, and that all parts of the election process are clarified.*