


February 22, 2017

TO: Members of the Board of Trustees

FROM: Jeremy Teitelbaum, Interim Provost 

RE: Approval to Amend the *By-Laws of the University of Connecticut*

NOTIFICATION:

That the Board of Trustees amend the *By-Laws of the University of Connecticut* Article IX.B. – The University Senate.

BACKGROUND:

The *By-Laws of the University of Connecticut* may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board by a recorded majority of all members of the Board, provided that notice of any proposed amendment, including a draft thereof, shall have been given at the previous regular meeting. Such notice was given on December 7, 2016.

Full-time faculty members currently holding “in-Residence” titles are counted as part of the faculty constituencies, appear on the ballot, and serve in the Senate. However, Article IX.B.a. defines voting members of a constituency by referring to Article X.A., which defines faculty as “the President, the Provost, the Dean of the school/college, and all full-time Professors, Associate Professors, Assistant Professors, and Instructors.” This definition is problematic; the President and Provost serve in an ex-officio capacity in the Senate, Deans are a separate constituency, and the definition of full-time faculty does not explicitly include “in-Residence” or Lecturer titles.

Additional revisions are made to reflect the current faculty constituencies.

For the information of the Board, the original language of the University By-Laws, with indications of the proposed amendments, is attached.

## ARTICLE IX – The University Senate

### B. Elections

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#### a. *Faculty constituency elections*

The voting members of the faculty (~~see Article X.A.~~) of each of the following units shall, for these purposes, be deemed an electoral constituency: College of Agriculture, **Health** and Natural Resources, School of Business, Neag School of Education, School of Engineering, School of Fine Arts, School of Law, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, School of Nursing, School of Pharmacy, School of Social Work, and the Avery Point, Hartford, Stamford, ~~Torrington,~~ and Waterbury Regional Campuses. A person who is a voting member of more than one faculty will belong to only one constituency, that of the faculty in which his or her principal appointment is held. **The voting members of the faculty of each constituency shall consist of all full-time faculty holding the following titles: Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Instructor, Lecturer, Professor-in-Residence, Associate Professor-in-Residence, Assistant Professor-in-Residence, and Instructor-in-Residence.**

The number of senators to be elected from each constituency will be one for each thirty faculty members or major fraction thereof within that constituency, with the proviso that each school, college, or regional campus will have at least one senator. The faculty of a school, college, or regional campus that is thus allocated more than one senator will have the option of establishing non-overlapping sub-constituencies. Senators chosen from a constituency will be elected by and from among the members of that constituency. The determination of the proper number of senators to be allocated to each constituency will be reviewed annually by the Senate. The annual schedule for electing members from each constituency shall be determined by the Senate in such a way as to provide for the optimum staggering of three-year terms within each constituency and for a reasonable degree of uniformity in the total number of members to be elected each year from all constituencies. To achieve these objectives, when a constituency becomes eligible to elect an additional senator, the initial term may be limited to one or two years in order that succeeding three-year terms may begin in the most appropriate years.