TITLE:  *Motion to Increase the Number of Years Faculty May Serve on Committees.*

*Change to Bylaws Article V, Section 1, B*

**INTRODUCTION:**  The change in bylaws would allow faculty to serve for up to five years on any given Senate or Standing Committee.

**MOTION**

Current Policy:

Members of committees (including alternates) serve for a term of one year and may be re-elected twice and then may serve again on the committee only after a lapse of three years.

Proposed Change:

Members of committees (including alternates) serve for a term of one year and may be re-elected up to four times and then may serve again on the committee only after a lapse of three years.

**RATIONALE**

The current dispensation allows faculty members insufficient time to gain real expertise in a given area (e.g., assessment, budget processes, etc.). Committees are thus limited (or may be seen to be limited) in the degree to which they can function as reliable partners in shared governance with the administration. If committee members can develop real competence/expertise in a given area, committees can contribute more meaningfully to the running of the college. This proposal allows faculty to work more meaningfully and in a more reliably collaborative manner with full-time administrators.