University Senate

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# RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE UNIVERSITY STATUTES TO ENABLE CLIMATE SCHOOL REPRESENTATION IN THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate approve the revisions to the University Statutes to enable Climate School representation in the University Senate, as set out, below.

## II THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

- §20. Membership The University Senate shall be a unicameral body whose membership shall be composed of representatives from the following categories:
- a. Administration members
- 1. The President
- 2. The Provost (or if there is more than one Provost, the Provost designated by the President)
- 3. The dean of the Faculty of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
- 4. The dean of Columbia College
- 5. Five members, who shall be appointed by the President, from among officers of administration who are part of the central administration and administrators of Faculties
- b. Faculty members
- 1. Forty-two three officers of instruction having an appointment without stated term as professor or associate professor as defined in Sections 60 and 61, to be elected from and by such officers of instruction, subject to the provisions of Section 21
- 2. <u>Sixteen Seventeen officers</u> of instruction having an appointment for a stated term as defined in Sections 60 and 61 to be elected from and by such officers

## c. Student members

Twenty-two-three students as defined in Section 381 to be elected from and by such students as provided in Section 21, one student from Barnard College to be elected from and by the students of

Barnard College as provided in Section 21, and one student from Teachers College to be elected from and by the students of Teachers College as provided in Section 21

- d. Affiliated institution members
- 1. Two representatives of the faculty of Barnard College
- 2. Subject to renegotiation of the existing affiliation agreement with Teachers College, two representatives of the faculty of Teachers College
- 3. Subject to renegotiation of the existing affiliation agreement with the Union Theological Seminary, one representative of the faculty of the Union Theological Seminary
- e. Professional library staff members

Two members who shall be elected from and by those persons either holding a trustee or presidential full-time appointment to the professional library service or holding a full-time appointment as an officer of administration within the libraries

#### f. Research members

Six members who shall be elected from and by those full-time research officers designated as senior research scientist or senior research scholar, Lamont research professor, research scientist or research scholar, Lamont associate research professor, associate research scientist or associate research scholar, Lamont assistant research professor, postdoctoral research scientist, postdoctoral research scholar, or postdoctoral research fellow, senior staff associate and staff associate, as defined in Section 62 of these Statutes, and who are not entitled to vote as officers of instruction

# g. Administrative staff members

Two members who shall be elected from and by those persons having an appointment from the President or the Secretary of the University, or who are in Grade VII or above of the University Personnel Classification System for officers of administration and supporting staff and who are not entitled to vote in any other category for members of the University Senate

## h. Alumni members

Two members who are either alumni or alumnae shall be chosen by the Columbia Alumni Association

- §21. Elections, eligibility, recall, and term of office
- a. Election of faculty members
- 1. The forty-two-three memberships for officers of instruction having an appointment without stated term as professor or associate professor as defined in Sections 60 or 61 shall be apportioned by the University Senate every five years among the Faculties of the Columbia Corporation in proportion to the number of such officers of instruction. Each Faculty shall be entitled to elect at least one member, except for the Faculties of Columbia College, General Studies, the Graduate School of

Arts and Sciences, the Arts, Professional Studies, and Health Sciences, which shall not be entitled to elect any members, except as specified below. For the purposes of this paragraph (1), and paragraph (2) below, for the apportionment and election of members from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, each division of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences shall be treated as a separate Faculty. The five divisions of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences are as follows:

- i. The Division of the Humanities shall consist of the following departments: Art History and Archaeology; Classics; East Asian Languages and Cultures; English and Comparative Literature; French and Romance Philology; Germanic Languages; Italian; Latin American and Iberian Cultures; Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies; Music; Philosophy; Religion; and Slavic Languages.
- ii. The Division of Social Sciences shall consist of the following departments: African American and African Diaspora Studies, Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, and Sociology.
- iii. The Division of Natural Sciences shall consist of the following departments: Astronomy; Biological Sciences; Chemistry; Earth and Environmental Sciences; Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology; Mathematics; Physics; Psychology; and Statistics.
- iv. The School of the Arts.
- v. The School of Professional Studies.
- 2. The sixteen seventeen memberships for officers of instruction with stated term shall be apportioned by the University Senate every five years among the Faculties of the Columbia Corporation other than the Faculties of Columbia College, General Studies, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the Arts, Professional Studies, and Health Sciences, except as specified below. All such officers of instruction having an appointment as preceptor, associate, lecturer, instructor, and assistant professor, regardless of whether such officers are full time or part time, shall be entitled to vote. Officers of instruction having an appointment with a stated term above that of assistant professor also shall be entitled to vote in this category. For the purposes of this paragraph (2), apportionment and election of members from the Faculties of Arts and Sciences, each division of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, as specified in paragraph (1) above, shall be treated as a separate faculty.

#### b. Election of student members

The twenty-four-five memberships for full-time students shall be apportioned by the University Senate every five years as follows: twenty-two-three among the Faculties of the Columbia Corporation; provided, however, that at least one student member shall be elected from each Faculty other than the Faculties of Arts and Sciences and Health Sciences; two additional student members shall be elected from the Faculty with the largest number of full-time students; one additional student member shall be elected from each of the Faculties with the next largest number of full-time students; until the limit of twenty-two-three student seats for the Columbia Corporation is reached; one full-time student member shall be elected from Barnard College; and one full-time student member shall be elected from Teachers College. For the purposes of this subsection (b), the Faculty

of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences shall be treated as consisting of three separate Faculties, comprised of the divisions of the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Natural Sciences, respectively, as specified in paragraph (a.1) above. Students here are defined to include all those seeking degrees and all those non-degree-seeking students who have been designated as members of constituencies by the Senate By-Laws.

c. Election of members from professional library staff and administrative staff

Two members shall be elected from and by the professional library staff and administrative staff.

#### d. Election of members of officers of research

The six memberships for officers of research shall be elected as follows: four shall be elected from officers of research members designated as senior research scientist or senior research scholar, Lamont research professor, research scientist or research scholar, Lamont associate research professor, associate research scientist or associate research scholar, and Lamont assistant research professor; one additional research officer member shall be elected from those persons designated as postdoctoral research scientist, postdoctoral research scholar, or postdoctoral research fellow; and one additional research officer member shall be elected from those persons designated senior staff associate or staff associate.

# e. Representatives from affiliated institutions

Each of the affiliated institutions shall choose representatives from among their respective Faculties to serve as members in such manner as each of them may determine.

### f. Direct and indirect elections

All members elected under subsections (a), (b), and (c) shall be chosen by direct election, except that student members may be chosen by indirect election as hereinafter provided. If the indirect election method is chosen, then the student member of the University Senate shall be elected by the elected student governing body of the Faculty from which the student member of the University Senate is being chosen. Such choice shall be exercised only by a referendum of the students within such Faculty and shall stand unless and until reversed by a succeeding referendum. If there is no elected student governing body of the Faculty which is authorized to hold indirect elections, and if either a seat assigned to a student member has remained vacant for six months or longer, or elections have failed to fill such a seat, then a member may be elected from one or more departments within that Faculty in rotation, as may be prescribed by the body designated of the University Senate, to administer University Senate elections.

# g. Time of election and term of office

There shall be two regular election periods each year, one in the spring and one in the fall. The

regular term of office for each member shall be as follows:

- 1. For each member elected in the spring elections, the term of office shall begin fourteen days before the day of Commencement next following his or her election and shall be for two years; provided that a member elected to a vacant seat shall assume office immediately; and provided further that if the spring elections are not completed by the date set for the beginning of his or her term, the member shall assume office immediately upon the completion of the elections.
- 2. For each member elected in the fall elections, the term of office shall commence immediately upon election and shall expire fourteen days before the day of the second Commencement next following his or her election.
- 3. For each appointed member, the term of office shall commence immediately upon appointment and shall expire fourteen days before the day of the second Commencement next following his or her appointment.

It shall be the responsibility of each member to advise the commission supervising elections of members to the University Senate, as early as possible, if he or she will be unable to serve his or her full term. When such commission is so advised, provision will be made to vote, at the next election, for a member to fill the anticipated vacancy. The term of such member shall be the same as that of all other members elected in the same election period, except that if the seat is occupied at the time of election, the term shall commence upon the effective date of resignation of the retiring member. Except as provided in subsection (f), any vacancy occurring between election periods shall be filled in the same manner in which the original member was chosen, and the term of office for each member so elected shall commence immediately upon election and shall expire fourteen days before the day of the second Commencement next following the election. The Executive Committee of the University Senate may designate a date for the expiration of terms and beginnings of new terms different from the date set herein, if such a redesignation is necessary to allow for an orderly transition of the work of the University Senate from one session to the next. No person shall be disqualified from election because he or she will be a member of the category from which he or she is elected for less than two years. However, his or her membership shall terminate when he or she is no longer a member of the category from which he or she was elected.

# h. Recall

Every elected member shall be subject to recall. Upon petition signed by one-fourth of the number of members of the category from which the member was elected, a recall election shall be held. A majority of votes cast for recall shall cause the recall of the member and his or her membership shall thereupon become vacant. The provisions of subsection (f) shall also apply to recall elections.

Proponent: Senate Structure and Operations Committee