

Resolution 10–01

Amendments to Article VI and Article VII of the LSU Faculty Senate By-Laws

(Proxy Rules)

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Whereas Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, Tenth Edition, 2000 states with regard to proxy voting:

Proxy voting is not permitted in ordinary deliberative assemblies unless the laws of the state in which the society is incorporated require it, or the charter or bylaws of the organization provide for it. Ordinarily it should neither be allowed nor required, because proxy voting is incompatible with the essential characteristics of a deliberative assembly in which membership is individual, personal, and nontransferable;

Whereas Senators should be encouraged to send a replacement to represent them and their College or School at Faculty Senate meetings they cannot attend; and

Whereas such replacements will be able to participate in the discussions and vote on the merits of the debated proposals;

Therefore be it resolved that Article VI of the By-Laws of Louisiana State University Faculty Senate, which presently reads:

Article VI. Alternate Representation.

1. By written notice to the President submitted before the meeting, a member of the Senate may choose another faculty member representing the same college or division as a replacement at that Senate meeting. Such a representative must be eligible for election to the Senate.
2. In lieu of choosing a replacement representative, a member of the Senate may, by written notice to the President, give a proxy vote to another member of the Senate.
3. Proxies and alternate representatives shall be announced by the President at the start of the meeting.
4. If a member of the Senate is absent from the campus for a semester or longer, this position will be taken for that period by the eligible nonelected person who received the next highest number of votes in the last regular election in that college. If there is no person thus qualified, a special election will be held.
5. The seat of a member of the Senate who has been repeatedly absent from Senate meetings can be declared vacant by a three-fourths vote of members of the Senate attending a meeting, if a request for such action has been made in writing by at least five percent of the faculty of the college represented. The motion to remove a member of the Senate shall be voted on at the meeting of the Senate immediately following the request.
6. If for any reason a vacancy occurs, as determined by the Executive Committee, the position will be filled by the eligible nonelected person who received the next highest number of votes during the election of that seat. If

there is no such qualified person, then the position will be filled by the eligible nonelected person who received the next highest number of votes in the next most recent regular election in that college. If there is no person thus qualified, a special election will be held.

Be amended to read:

Article VI. Alternate Representation

1. By written notice to the President submitted before the meeting, a member of the Senate may choose another faculty member representing the same college or division as a replacement at that Senate meeting. Such a representative must be eligible for election to the Senate.***
2. Replacement representatives shall be announced by the President at the start of the meeting.
3. If a member of the Senate is absent from the campus for a semester or longer, this position will be taken for that period by the eligible non-elected person who received the next highest number of votes in the last regular election in that college. If there is no person thus qualified, a special election will be held.
4. The seat of a member of the Senate who has been repeatedly absent from Senate meetings can be declared vacant by a three-fourths vote of members of the Senate attending a meeting, if a request for such action has been made in writing by at least five percent of the faculty of the college represented. The motion to remove a member of the Senate shall be voted on at the meeting of the Senate immediately following the request.
5. If for any reason a vacancy occurs, as determined by the Executive Committee, the position will be filled by the eligible nonelected person who received the next highest number of votes during the election of that seat. If there is no such qualified person, then the position will be filled by the eligible nonelected person who received the next highest number of votes in the next most recent regular election in that college. If there is no person thus qualified, a special election will be held.

And therefore be it further resolved to amend Article III.1.ii to read:

Alternate representatives shall be indicated in the minutes.