

Amending UWT Faculty Assembly Bylaws: Replacing Article V, Section 4

The UWT Faculty Assembly Bylaws provide for amendment “at any regularly scheduled Faculty Assembly meeting by two-thirds vote of those present provided notice of intent is given at the previous regular meeting or when submitted in writing to all faculty at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which action is taken.” Article XI Amendments.

Proposed Legislation Background and Rationale

This proposed amendment is intended to provide a broader definition for Article V, Section 4 that can apply to both “Advisory Liaisons and Councils,” including the concurrently proposed Research Advisory Council. The current Article V, Section 4 definition applies only to Advisory Liaisons. This new definition also clarifies that the roles of Advisory Liaisons and Councils are to “advocate on behalf of faculty” in addition to advising administration in areas where faculty voice is essential “in an ongoing basis.” And consistent with the style guide recommendations, “will” is being used instead of “shall.”

Proposed Change to the UWT Faculty Assembly Bylaws

The following change will be made to the Bylaws:

- Replace Article V, Section 4: Advisory Liaison Definitions with Article V, Section 4: Advisory Liaisons and Councils

The Proposed Class A Legislation

Be it resolved by the UWT Faculty Assembly to submit to the faculty for approval or rejection that Article V, Section 4: Advisory Liaison Definitions be replaced and amended to read as shown below.

Current Language:

Section 4: Advisory Liaison Definitions

Faculty Assembly Advisory Liaisons are seated and charged by the Executive Council, to advise administration in areas central to faculty work, experience, and career development, for which faculty do not have direct responsibility under the UW Faculty Code, and for which faculty voice is essential. Advisory Liaison charges shall be formulated to make clear the administrative unit being advised, as well as the expectations of and need for a distinct faculty voice in that area. Advisory Liaisons shall submit an annual report to the Chair of Faculty Assembly, provide updates and interim reports as requested by the Faculty Assembly Executive Council (EC) and answer questions at EC meetings on the status of campus activities and the need for faculty engagement, in that area.

Proposed Amendment:

Section 4: Advisory Liaisons and Councils

Advisory Liaisons and Councils are seated and charged by the Executive Council to advocate on behalf of faculty and to advise administration in areas central to faculty work, experience and career development, for which faculty do not have direct responsibility under the UW Faculty Code, and for which faculty voice is essential in an ongoing basis. Charges of Advisory Liaisons and Councils will be formulated to make clear the administrative units being advised, as well as the expectations of and need for faculty voice and advocacy in that area. Advisory Liaisons and Councils will submit an annual report to the Chair of Faculty Assembly, provide updates and interim reports as requested by the Faculty Assembly Executive Council (EC) and answer questions at EC meetings on the status of campus activities and the need for faculty engagement in that area.