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Senate Elections Committee

Election of 2007-2009 Senate

The Senate Elections Committee used the following procedure to determine the apportionment of Senate seats among the organized faculties:

1) We obtained a list of faculty, by academic unit, (eligible to serve as Senators in 2007-9) from the Provost's Office. From this list we determined the number of faculty in each organized faculty for the purposes of apportionment.

2) We determined the number of seats available for senators from organized faculties by counting up senators on the 2005-7 list posted on the Senate website (42). We confirmed this number with Tamara Machmut-Jhashi, Secretary of Senate.

3) We consulted the Senate Constitution, particularly Articles II and IV for guidance on the apportionment procedure. The relevant section states "Elective seats shall be assigned by the Elections Committee of the University Senate among the faculties in proportion to the number of members of organized faculties, with the proviso that no organized faculty shall be awarded more than forty-nine percent of the seats in the Senate, and that each organized faculty shall receive a minimum of one elective seat in addition to the Dean of the faculty, who sits ex officio."

4) We used an Excel spreadsheet to determine how many Senators should come from each organized faculty (Senate Election Committee Spreadsheet.exl): a) entered the number of eligible faculty in each organized faculty from the Provost Office list in Column B; b) calculated the percent of the total number of faculty (450) in each organized unit (Column C) and then truncated these values at a maximum of 49% in Column D (only CAS exceeded 49% in Column C); c) Column E used Column D percentages of the total number of available Senate seats (42) to determine the proportionate "raw" number of Senators for 2007-9; d) Column F is simply column E rounded off to the nearest whole number equal to or greater than 1, since each organized faculty must have at least one Senator; e) please note that Column F is identical to Column H, the current apportionment of Senators among organized faculties.

Accordingly, the apportionment of Senators among organized faculties for 2007-9 remains the same as it was for 2005-7, namely:

CAS	21
ERI	1
KL	1
SBA	5
SECS	4
SEHS	6
SHS	2
SON	2

Academic Unit	Number of Eligible Faculty (2007-9)	Actual percent of total faculty	Senate Constitution Allowed percent of total faculty	Proportionate Raw Number of Senators (2007-9)	Senate Constitution Determined Number of Senators (2007-9)	Actual Number of Senators (2005-7)
CAS	224	49.78	49	20.58	21	21
Library	12	2.67	2.67	1.12	1	1
ERI	5	1.11	1.11	0.47	1	1
SBA	57	12.67	12.67	5.32	5	5
SEHS	69	15.33	15.33	6.44	6	6
SECS	45	10.00	10.00	4.20	4	4
SHS	21	4.67	4.67	1.96	2	2
SON	17	3.78	3.78	1.59	2	2
TOTAL	450	100	99.22	41.67	42	42

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