



University Senate TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Title:	Professor of the Practice & Adjunct Professor Representation in the Senate
Presenter:	Kendra Wells, Chair
Date of SEC Review:	1/19/2010
Date of Senate Review:	2/3/2010
Voting (highlight one):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On resolutions or recommendations one by one, or 2. In a single vote 3. To endorse entire report
Statement of Issue:	Professors of the Practice and Adjunct Professors consist of rather distinguished members of our community but are not currently represented on the Senate. By creating a single-member constituency that is inclusive of both groups, this particular faculty can be more integrated into the life of the campus community.
Relevant Policy # & URL:	Plan of Organization for the University of Maryland, College Park Article 3.5 page 9 http://www.senate.umd.edu/governingdocs/planoforganization.pdf
Recommendation:	<p>The ERG Committee recommends that the Professors of the Practice and Adjunct Professors jointly be added as a single-member constituency for membership in the University Senate and that elections for the 2010-2011 year be conducted in the spring of 2010. We ask that an additional category be added to Section 2.2 Single Member Constituencies of the Senate Bylaws.</p> <p>(g) Adjunct Professors and Professors of the Practice who are not members of the Faculty Constituency as defined in Section 3.2 of the Plan together shall elect one (1) Senator from among their ranks for a term of one (1) year, renewable for up to three (3) years. When the Senate votes by constituencies, that Senator shall have the same voting rights as a Faculty Senator.</p>
Committee Work:	The committee considered the request from the SEC and had a lengthy discussion at the committee meeting in November 2009. We reviewed the number of Professors of the Practice (~23) and the number of Adjunct Faculty (>300) on our campus. We reviewed the Senate By-Laws to see if either or both groups meet the criteria for inclusion in other constituency groups. We discussed whether or not it was appropriate to put these two

	groups of faculty together and asked the Senate Executive Committee for clarification of their reasons for making the request for a single-member constituency. At the December meeting the ERG considered the information received by Chair Wells from the Senate Executive Committee and voted to recommend to the Senate that a single-member constituency be created to represent these groups jointly.
Alternatives:	Both groups individually could be included in the Senate as a single-member constituency.
Risks:	These two groups of distinguished faculty continue to not have a vote on the Senate.
Financial Implications:	There are no financial implications.
Further Approvals Required: <i>(*Important for PCC Items)</i>	Senate & Presidential

To: UMD Senate Executive Committee
From: Elections, Representation and Governance Committee
Kendra Wells, Chair
Re: Professor of the Practice & Adjunct Professor Representation in the Senate
Date: 1/11/10

On October 30, 2009 the Senate Executive Committee charged the ERG Committee with consideration as to whether or not Professors of the Practice and Adjunct Professors should have representation on the Senate.

Professors of the Practice and Adjunct Professors consist of rather distinguished members of our community but are not currently represented on the Senate. By creating a single-member constituency that is inclusive of both groups, this particular faculty can be more integrated into the life of the campus community.

The number of Professors of the Practice is 23 and the number of Adjunct Faculty is 300 on our campus. The committee discussed whether or not it was appropriate to put these two groups of faculty together and asked the Senate Executive Committee for clarification of their reasons for making the request for a single-member constituency.

The ERG Committee recommends that the Professors of the Practice and Adjunct Professors jointly be added as a single-member constituency for membership in the University Senate and that elections for the 2010-2011 year be conducted in the spring of 2010. The Plan of Organization for the University of Maryland, College Park, Article 3.5, provides for up to ten (10) additional constituencies, each represented by one Senator to be elected or appointed, according to procedures to be set forth in the By-Laws. We currently have six categories in this area, thus an additional category would still fall within these parameters. The Senators defined in (a)-(g) below shall be voting members of the Senate. All elections held pursuant to this section shall be organized by the Senate Office. This is outlined on page 4 section 2.2 of the Senate By-laws.

Existing Language:

- (a) Teaching Faculty who are members of the Faculty Constituency as defined in Section 3.2 of the Plan shall elect two (2) Senators, for a term of one (1) year, their terms renewable for up to three (3) years. Full-time Instructor/Lecturers shall elect one (1) full-time representative and part-time Instructor/Lecturers shall elect one (1) part-time representative representing the Instructor/Lecturer constituency. When the Senate votes by constituencies, those Senators shall have the same voting rights as a Faculty Senator.

- (b) Research Faculty who are not members of the Faculty Constituency as defined in Section 3.2 of the Plan shall elect one (1) Senator from among their ranks for a term of one (1) year, renewable up to three (3) years. When the Senate votes by constituencies, that Senator shall have the same voting rights as a Faculty Senator.
- (c) The part-time undergraduate students shall elect one (1) Senator from among their ranks for a term of one (1) year, renewable for up to three (3) years. When the Senate votes by constituencies, that Senator shall have the same voting rights as all other student Senators. A part-time student Senator who changes to full-time status subsequent to election may serve out his/her term.
- (d) The Contingent 2 Staff shall elect one (1) Senator from among their ranks for a term of one (1) year, renewable for up to three (3) years. When the Senate votes by constituencies, that Senator shall have the same voting rights as all other Staff Senators. The Contingent 2 Staff Senator shall have been employed by the University for twelve months prior to their election.
- (e) Emeritus Faculty who are not members of the Faculty Constituency as defined in Section 3.2 of the Plan shall elect one (1) Senator from among their ranks for a term of one (1) year, renewable for up to three years. When the Senate votes by constituencies, that Senator shall have the same voting rights as a Faculty Senator.
- (f) The part-time graduate students shall elect one (1) Senator from among their ranks for a term of one (1) year, renewable for up to three (3) years. When the Senate votes by constituencies, that Senator shall have the same voting rights as all other student Senators. A part-time student Senator who changes to full-time status subsequent to election may serve out his/her term.
- (g) **Adjunct Professors and Professors of the Practice who are not members of the Faculty Constituency as defined in Section 3.2 of the Plan together shall elect one (1) Senator from among their ranks for a term of one (1) year, renewable for up to three (3) years. When the Senate votes by constituencies, that Senator shall have the same voting rights as a Faculty Senator.**

The committee members present at the December meeting request that the Senate Executive Committee give serious consideration to a review of the section on single-member constituency in the current Plan of Organization, in advance of the scheduled review date to determine if changes in this section of the plan need to be made. The committee has discussed the current policy on single-member constituencies at three of its meetings this fall, in response to requests for representation from groups not currently represented.

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University Senate CHARGE

Date:	October 30, 2009
To:	Kendra Wells Chair, Elections, Representation & Governance Committee
From:	Elise Miller-Hooks Chair, University Senate
Subject:	Professor of the Practice & Adjunct Professor Representation in the Senate
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Deadline:	December 18, 2009

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) requests that the Elections, Representation, and Governance (ERG) Committee consider whether Professors of the Practice and Adjunct Professors should have representation on the Senate.

As you may recall, last year the SEC asked the ERG Committee's advice on the eligibility of Professors of the Practice to run for faculty senator seats in their colleges. The ERG recommended that they should not be "equivalent" to tenured/tenure track faculty for purposes of eligibility for election to the Senate in the faculty constituency (see attached documentation).

As you know, many Professors of the Practice and Adjunct Professors consist of rather distinguished members of our community. We would like to formally charge the ERG Committee with reviewing whether their constituencies jointly warrant a senate representative by adding an additional single-member constituency in the Bylaws. The Plan of Organization allows for up to 10 single-member constituencies to be included in the Bylaws. We currently have five categories in this area, thus, an additional category would still fall within these parameters.

We ask that you submit your report and recommendations to the Senate Office no later than December 18, 2009. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Reka Montfort in the Senate Office, extension 5-5804.