Proposal to Reduce the Number of At-Large Committee Members on the Membership and Elections Committee from Two to One

By unanimous vote, the Membership and Elections Committee proposes to reduce the number of atlarge committee members from two to one, as shown below.

Article VII. Senate Standing Committees – PROPOSED REVISIONS Section 1. Membership and Elections Committee:

The Committee shall consist of **six** seven voting members: The Vice President of the Senate who shall be the Designated Senator on this committee; and **five** six members of the Faculty serving three-year terms: four elected from and by their respective schools, and **one** two elected at-large. two retiring annually. The Committee shall elect its chairperson annually.

Article VII. Senate Standing Committees – AS WRITTEN Section 1. Membership and Elections Committee:

The Committee shall consist of seven voting members: The Vice President of the Senate who shall be the Designated Senator on this committee; and six members of the Faculty serving three-year terms: four elected from and by their respective schools, two elected at-large, two retiring annually. The Committee shall elect its chairperson annually.

Justification:

Because of the change from paper ballot voting to web based voting, we do not feel that six members are necessary to maintain and uphold the responsibilities and duties of this committee. Reducing the number of at-large members will also make it easier to find common meeting times for the committee members. The at-large seat (currently open) which expires at the end of the 04-05 academic year will be removed from the committee if the proposal is approved.