

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

FWDC 8: **Revising Eligibility to Vote in Faculty Elections**
Faculty Handbook [Section 10.2.1.1](#)

Effective date: Fall 2018

Summary: The requirement that faculty members have at least 12 contact hours in order to be eligible to vote is eliminated. Visiting professors are allowed to vote.

Rationale: Faculty members who have multiple responsibilities that come with reassigned time can fall below the 12-contact hour requirement but should have the right to vote in faculty elections and to serve in elected positions.

Revise 10.2.1.1 as follows:

10.2.1.1 Eligibility to Vote

Faculty members serving on the Chancellor's staff or the staff of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs will not be eligible to vote or stand for election on Faculty Senate or faculty elected committees regardless of rank or teaching load. ~~Individuals serving in Special Fixed-Term Faculty Appointments (14.2 Section III.c.1.c.) will not be eligible to vote.~~ All other full-time ranked faculty members ~~who are teaching at least one-half time in the current academic year (excluding summer), all ranked librarians,~~ and all faculty members in phased retirement will be eligible to vote. ~~For election purposes, one-half time is defined as 12 contact hours in the academic year of the election.~~ The following exceptions will be applied:

~~Faculty who fall below 12 contact hours due to an approved Family and Medical leave (section 4.2.1.2) shall be eligible to vote.~~

~~Faculty who fall below 12 contact hours in the current academic year, but who are returning from temporary non-teaching assignments, leave, exchanges, or off-campus scholarly assignments for the beginning of the next academic year shall be eligible to vote.~~

~~Visiting Faculty shall not be eligible to vote.~~