

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

EC 3: **Proposed Faculty Senate Constitution Revision:
Increase number of elected alternates**
[Constitution of the Faculty Senate Article II Section 3](#)

Effective date: If passed by the faculty at large, Fall 2023

Summary: This document increases the number of Faculty Senate alternates elected each year. If Faculty Senate approves this proposal, the Constitutional revisions will go before the full faculty for a vote.

Rationale: With the recent extension of alternate terms from one to two years, the number of alternates serving is proposed to increase in order to ensure an alternate pool exists large enough to have each division well represented on each of the Senate subcommittees as well as have a rarer need for special elections.

Revise Article II section 3 as follows (The changes are in red):

Section 3

Election of Senators

Each year the faculty shall vote for six Senators. One Senator each shall be elected from each of the broad academic areas: Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, and the Humanities. The highest vote recipient in each area shall be elected. Three Senators shall be elected at large, being the next three highest vote recipients over all. All elected representatives shall represent the faculty as a whole and not solely the exclusive academic area in which they teach. (In the first election following the approval of this Constitution, five Senators shall be elected at large.)

In each election, ~~three alternates, being the next highest vote recipients from each of the three divisions~~ after the above Senators are designated, ~~four alternates, being the next highest vote recipients from Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, and the Humanities, and one at large member, being the next highest vote recipient thereafter,~~ shall be elected for two year terms. The alternates shall attend Senate meetings with voice, but without vote. Should a vacancy occur for any reason, the Senate shall elect one of the alternates to assume the full duties of that position for the duration of that vacancy. Should a vacancy occur after all alternates are in place, a special election shall be called to fill the vacancy, unless the vacancy occurs within 45 days prior to the next regularly scheduled election, in which case the position will remain vacant.