



February 26, 2019

Ana Mari Cauce, President  
Office of the President  
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Dear President Cauce:

In accordance with the rules, the faculty has approved the *Faculty Code* amendment in Class A Bulletin No. 144: Faculty Council Attendance.

The results of the election submitted to the faculty for vote on February 1, 2019 are:

Total ballots distributed electronically:	4,885
Total ballots returned:	930
Percent of faculty who voted:	19%
Percentage of "yes" votes:	85.38%
Percentage of "no" votes:	3.98%
Percentage of "abstentions:"	10.65%

(The above percentage figures are based on ballots recorded electronically by the Catalyst Group.)

Attached is Chair George Sandison's certification that the faculty has voted to approve the changes as proposed in Class A Bulletin No. 144. Before the *Faculty Code and Governance* can be revised, we need your approval. According to the *Faculty Code*, you have fourteen days to respond.

Sincerely,

Mike Townsend  
Secretary of the Faculty

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Cc: George Sandison, Faculty Senate Chair  
Margaret Shepherd, Chief Strategy Officer, Office of the President  
Barbara Lechtanski, Director of Rules Coordination  
Lenina Arenas-Fuentes, Assistant to the President

**Class A Legislation #144**

**Proposed amendments to the Faculty Code.**

Chapter 42  
(Related to: Faculty Council Attendance)

CERTIFIED AS APPROVED:



George Sandison, Chair  
Faculty Senate

APPROVED:



Ana Mari Cauce  
President

Date: 2/26/2019

Date: March 1, 2019

## GENERAL LEGISLATIVE ACTION

At its meeting on January 24, 2019, the Faculty Senate approved legislation that would amend the Faculty Code related to changes to rules governing absences for members of Faculty Councils. These changes have been approved at every step of the legislative process. This legislation was developed and approved by Faculty Senate leadership.

### Proposed Legislation

The proposed legislation amends the UW Faculty Code meeting attendance requirements for members of Faculty Councils.

### Rationale

Faculty Councils, like the Faculty Senate, need consistent attendance to effectively carry out their Code-prescribed duties. Recognizing this, the proposal brings Council attendance requirements into conformity with the Faculty Senate attendance policy.

### Counter Argument to Proposals

The policy should give more authority to the Council Chair, who is in a position to determine how attendance is specifically affecting Council work.

### Proposed Amendments to the Faculty Code: (Additions are underlined; deletions are struck through)

#### University of Washington Faculty Code and Governance Faculty Code Chapter 42

#### Section 42-32 Appointment of Faculty Councils

- A. Because the faculty councils will be concerned with broad problems of policy relating to matters of University government, the basic qualifications of appointees should include a broad familiarity with the problems of University government, an understanding of the particular problems of the faculty within the framework of the University, and a familiarity with the substance of the particular areas of council responsibility.
- B. The Executive Committee shall nominate and the Senate shall approve the appointment of the chairs and members of faculty councils.

The Faculty Council on Tri-Campus Policy shall consist of two members from the University of Washington, Seattle; two members, designated by the General Faculty Organization, from the University of Washington, Bothell; two members, designated by the Faculty Assembly, from the University of Washington, Tacoma; and as ex officio with vote: the Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate, the Vice Chair of the General Faculty Organization, and the Vice Chair of the Faculty Assembly; and as ex officio without vote: the Faculty Legislative Representative and the Deputy Legislative Representative.

- C. At the beginning of each academic year the roster of each faculty council shall be published in the *Class C Bulletin*. Subsequent changes during the academic year shall be published in the *Class C Bulletin*.

- D. The Executive Committee may determine the size of faculty councils from year to year, provided only that it make every effort to confine the size of each council to the size required for the effective discharge of its responsibilities.
- E. Council members shall serve three-year terms and may be appointed to serve a second consecutive term. Appointments become effective at the beginning of the academic year. When an appointment is made to fill a position vacated during the academic year, the appointment shall be made as specified in Chapter 41, Section 41-33.
- F. Faculty Council members shall be deemed to have vacated their seats when they have been absent from three council meetings in an academic year. Council members are considered absent only if they fail, prior to a meeting, to inform the chair of the faculty council or the faculty council analyst of their inability to attend.

*Approved by:*  
Senate Executive Committee  
November 19, 2018

*Approved by:*  
Faculty Senate  
December 6, 2018

*Approved by:*  
Senate Executive Committee  
January 7, 2019

*Approved by:*  
Faculty Senate  
January 24, 2019