

SITUATION

Most of the anomalies in Senate representation caused by last year's university re-organization will resolve themselves with the expiration of senatorial terms this spring. However, some problems remain.

I. Two departments will still have more than one senator originally elected as departmental representatives from now-merged departments. The Department of Library Public Services will have two "departmental" senators, and the Department of Teacher Education will have three.

These senators will be counted as part of the total delegations from their respective colleges; because the representation of each college must be equal to 10% of the college's total faculty, they will in effect be counted as at-large senators -- their presence in the delegation will affect the number of at-large senators to be elected. The BAE Committee therefore proposes that in each of these departments, the senator with seniority in the Senate remain as departmental senator, and the others be made at-large senators in their colleges.

The total number of senators in each delegation will be unaffected by this change. The effect will be to clarify the standing of these senators, and to make the number of people serving at large the number the colleges are actually entitled to.

II. The above proposal presents a second problem. The Constitution prohibits one department in a college from having more than one at-large senator until all the departments in the college have at least one. The BAE Committee's proposal would give Teacher Education three representatives, while some departments will have none. We therefore propose that the Senate make an exception to that provision of the Constitution on a one-time basis, for the sole purpose of allowing Teacher Education to have three at-large senators for Faculty Senate VI only.

III. Another problem lies in the fact that one senator is now serving as an at-large senator from a defunct college. Since that senator (Senator Krenzin) is now in Potter College, and since she must now be counted as part of that college's delegation, we move that she be made an at-large senator from that college.

Motions:

Moved: that in those departments which have more than one departmentally elected senator, those senators with less Senate seniority become at-large senators in their colleges.

Moved: that the Senate make an exception to the prohibition on a department's having more than one at-large senator before all departments in the college have one, on a one-time basis, for the sole purpose of allowing the College of Education to have three at-large senators in the Department of Teacher Education for Faculty Senate VI only.

Moved: that the at-large senator from the defunct College of Applied Arts and Health be counted as one of the at-large senators from Potter College, the College of which she is now a member.