

TO: Faculty Senate
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Having been an at-large senator since the inception of the WKU Faculty Senate, and having experienced some frustration in trying to represent some body of the faculty, I would like to request that the Faculty Senate instruct the By-laws and Amendments Committee to:

1. Study the concept offered below (or other of similar intent).
2. Report back to the Faculty Senate at its November meeting, indicating whether or not the committee considers the idea suggested below worthy of being presented to the Senate as soon as a formal proposal can be developed.
3. Develop such a proposal in time for approvals and implementation prior to the next senate elections, IF the idea appears worthy of consideration by the whole senate.

The concept which I am now favoring would do away with At-large Senators and at-large representation, making all senators representatives of departments. Departmental representation would be based on a ratio, perhaps one for each ten or so faculty members, to produce a senate with approximately the same number of senators as we now have. Using a ratio of 1:10, the pattern for representation might be as follows:

<u>Number of Faculty Members</u>	<u>Number of Representatives</u>
1 - 14	1
15 - 24	2
25 - 34	3
etc.	etc.

This would provide a minimum of one member for every department and provide additional senators for each nearest whole group of ten faculty members.