



Proposed change to By-Laws Article VI (Officers) Section 8

Governing Document: By-Laws

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Current By-Laws Language:

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section 8 – Liaisons to other Shared Governance Groups

Prior to each semester, executive officers shall determine the academic staff to serve as liaison to the other university shared governance groups, including the University Staff Council and Whitewater Student Government.

ARTICLE V – UNIVERSITY- AND SYSTEM-LEVEL COMMITTEES

Appointment of Representatives

The Chair will solicit and/or appoint individuals to represent the Academic Staff Assembly on university- or system-level committees. The Chair will inform the assembly of the committee name, charge, and the individual representative(s) appointed at least once per year. WHEREAS, circumstances exist which may prevent an executive committee member from accepting a stipend for their service (e.g. grant-funded positions, 2/9th rule, etc.);

Charge of the Systemwide Academic Staff Representatives Council (ASRC):

The University of Wisconsin System's "Academic Staff" are defined in statute as professional and administrative personnel with duties, and subject to types of appointments, that are primarily associated with higher education institutions or their administration, but does not include faculty and classified staff. Each institution establishes a committee of academic staff members to advise its administration on shared governance issues. Additionally, each campus's committee delegates a member to attend meetings of the UW Academic Staff Representatives, which are chaired by UW System's Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. <https://www.wisconsin.edu/governance-representatives/academic-staff/>

WHEREAS, the Systemwide Academic Staff Representatives Council (ASRC) requires that a delegate from each campus attend approximately 6-7 day-long meetings each academic year; and

WHEREAS, the ASRC has grown in its committee for advocacy of academic staff which results in additional work between meetings; and

WHEREAS, the current ASA by-laws allow the Chair to appoint a delegate to the ASRC, but do not specifically note the ASRC delegate role; and

WHEREAS, the delegate to ASRC has historically been the Chair, Vice-Chair or Past Chair;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the ASA by-laws be updated to add the following sentence to Article VI, Section 8:

"In addition, executive officers shall determine the academic staff member to serve as the campus delegate to the Systemwide Academic Staff Representatives Council (ASRC)."



Action Date	12/13/2023			
Action	Approved	Rejected	Tabled	Other
Vote Detail	Ayes	Nays	Abstentions	Other

CHAPTER III: BY-LAW REVIEW AND AMENDMENT

The by-laws of the Academic Staff Assembly shall be reviewed annually and amended, if necessary, by a majority vote of the Academic Staff Assembly. Amendments may be initiated by one of the following methods:

1. Upon the recommendation of the Academic Staff Assembly;
2. Upon a petition submitted to the Academic Staff Assembly by twenty (20) percent of the total membership of the academic staff eligible for voting privileges or by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of returned ballots from a general mailing. This petition shall be submitted to the Academic Staff Assembly.