

Steering Committee

Agenda for meeting of Thursday, March 27, 2025, 3:00 pm

Location: In person in the Rosen College Campus, Room 221

9907 Universal Blvd. Orlando, FL 32819

For those unable to make the in person meeting due to travel, distant locations, or health issues, there is a Zoom option:

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- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Roll Call via Qualtrics
- 3. Approval of Minutes of February 27, 2025
- 4. Recognition of Guests
- Announcements
- 6. Report of the Senate Chair
- 7. Report of the Provost
- 8. Unfinished Business
- 9. New Business
 - a) Nominating Committee Update: Bill Self, Chair of Nominating committee
 - b) Faculty Retention: Mike Proctor
 - c) Senate and Steering Membership: Mike Proctor
- 10. Committee Reports
 - a) B&A Committee: Aimee DeNeyolles, Steering Liaison for B&A Committee
 - b) IT Committee: Jim Gallo, Steering Liaison for IT Committee
 - c) Personnel Committee: Michael Proctor, Steering Liaison for Personnel Committee
 - d) Research Council: Linda Walters, Chair of Research Council
 - e) Graduate Council: Reid Oetjen, Chair of Graduate Program Review and Awards Committee, Steering Liaison for Graduate Council
 - f) Undergraduate Council: Tina Chiarelli, Chair of UCRC, Steering Liaison for Undergraduate Council
- 11. Other Business
- 12. Adjournment

Table 1. Faculty Retention Overview by College.

Not retained includes faculty who were on visiting appointments that ended, faculty who were non-reappointed, and faculty who resigned.

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Total	3	100%	3	100%	2	100%	2	100%	2	100%
Deceased	1	0.3%	1	0%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Not Retained	6	2.0%	11	4%	20	7%	21	7.0%	25	8.3%
Retained	291	96.4%	280	95%	271	91%	276	92.0%	272	89.8%
Retired	4	1.3%	4	1%	8	3%	3	1.0%	6	2.0%
Total	302	100%			299	100%	300	100%	303	100%
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Retired	1								2	2.9
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Deceased	4	0.2%	4	0.2%	4	0.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.10
Not Retained	79	4.0%	96	5.0%	102	5.5%	126	6.7%	124	6.4
Retained	1844	93.6%	1774	93.1%	1718	91.9%	1722	91.8%	1750	91.09
Retired	43	2.2%	32	1.7%	46	2.5%	27	1.4%	48	2.5%
Total	1970	100%	1906	100%	1870	100%	1875	100%	1923	1009
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College		N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N	Percent	N	N Percen				
	Deceased	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0					
	Not Retained	0	0%	0		0	0%	0		0	00				
Burnett Honors College	Retained	3	100%	3		2	100%	2		2	1009				
	Retired	0	0%	0		0	0%	0		0	09				
	Total	3	100%	3		2	100%	2	100%	2	1009				
	Deceased	1	0.3%	1		0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.09				
	Not Retained	6	2.0%	11	4%	20	7%	21	7.0%	25	8.39				
College of Arts and Humanities	Retained	291	96.4%	280	95%	271	91%	276	92.0%	272	89.89				
	Retired	4	1.3%	4		8	3%	3	1.0%	6	2.09				
	Total	302	100%	296	100%	299	100%	300	100%	303	1009				
	Deceased	0	0.0%	1		1	1%	0	0.0%	1	0.89				
	Not Retained	6	4.4%	6		3	2%	5	4.0%	4	3.29				
College of Business Administration	Retained	127	93.4%	121	93%	116	94%	115	92.0%	115	92.09				
	Retired	3	2.2%	2		4	3%	5	4.0%	5	4.09				
	Total	136	100%	130	100%	124	100%	125	100%	125	1009				
	Deceased	0	0.0%	0		0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.09				
College of Community Innovation and	Not Retained	3	1.3%	9		13	6%	15	7.0%	17	7.89				
Education	Retained	219	94.4%	207	93%	196	91%	197	92.1%	196	89.59				
Education	Retired	10	4.3%	6		7	3%	2	0.9%	6	2.79				
	Total	232	100%	222	100%	216	100%	214	100%	219	1009				
	Deceased	0	0.0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.09				
College of Engineering & Computer	Not Retained	10	4.6%	8	4%	12	6%	12	5.8%	13	5.99				
College of Engineering & Computer Science	Retained	205	94.9%	202	94%	193	92%	193	93.7%	207	93.29				
Ocionoc	Retired	1	0.5%	4	2%	4	2%	1	0.5%	2	0.99				
	Total	216	100%	214	100%	209	100%	206	100%	222	1009				
	Deceased	0	0.0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.09				
	Not Retained	11	19.0%	12	23%	3	7%	6	15.0%	5	13.99				
College of Graduate Studies	Retained	47	81.0%	39	75%	40	93%	34	85.0%	29	80.69				
	Retired	0	0.0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0.0%	2	5.69				
	Total	58	100%	52	100%	43	100%	40	100%	36	1009				
	Deceased	0	0.0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.09				
College of Health Professions and	Not Retained	7	6.6%	8	8%	2	2%	8	7.8%	4	3.79				
Sciences	Retained	92	86.8%	90	90%	90	94%	92	89.3%	101	94.49				
JCIETCE3	Retired	7	6.6%	2	2%	4	4%	3	2.9%	2	1.99				
	Total	106	100%	100	100%	96	100%	103	100%	107	1009				
	Deceased	0	0.0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.09				
	Not Retained	14	9.3%	10	7%	4	3%	7	5.0%	6	4.19				
College of Medicine	Retained	134	89.3%	127	91%	128	95%	131	93.6%	140	94.69				
	Retired	2	1.3%	2	1%	3	2%	2	1.4%	2	1.49				
	Total	150	100%	139	100%	135	100%	140	100%	148	100%				
	Deceased	0	0.0%	1	2%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.09				
	Not Retained	2	3.3%	1	2%	3	5%	3	4.8%	5	6.89				
College of Nursing	Retained	56	93.3%	52	93%	53	93%	58	93.5%	63	86.39				
	Retired	2	3.3%	2	4%	1	2%	1	1.6%	5	6.89				
	Total	60	100%	56	100%	57	100%	62	100%	73	100%				
	Deceased	1	3.0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.09				
	Not Retained	3	9.1%	0	0%	1	3%	4	11.8%	1	3.09				
College of Optics and Photonics	Retained	29	87.9%	32	100%	33	94%	29	85.3%	30	90.99				
	Retired	0	0.0%	0	0%	1	3%	1	2.9%	2	6.19				
	Total	33	100%	32	100%	35	100%	34	100%	33	100%				
	Deceased	1	0.2%	0	0%	1	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.09				
	Not Retained	10	2.3%	22	5%	24	6%	32	7.8%	25	6.39				
College of Sciences	Retained	410	96.0%	394	94%	382	92%	373	90.5%	359	90.99				
	Retired	6	1.4%	4	1%	8	2%	7	1.7%	11	2.89				
	Total	427	100%	420	100%	415	100%	412	100%	395	1009				
	Deceased	0	0.0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.09				
	Not Retained	1	5.9%	0	0%	2	9%	0	0.0%	1	10.09				
College of Undergraduate Studies	Retained	16	94.1%	19	100%	20	91%	8	100.0%	9	90.09				
	Retired	0	0.0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.09				
	Total	17	100%	19		22	100%	8		10	1009				
	Deceased	0	0.0%	0		0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.09				
	Not Retained	3	5.1%	2		2	3%	3	5.1%	3	4.39				
Institutes and Centers	Retained	55	93.2%	56		56	97%	56	94.9%	65	94.29				
	Retired	1	1.7%	1		0	0%	0	0.0%	1	1.49				
	Total	59	100%	59		58	100%	59	100%	69	100%				
	Deceased	1	1.0%	0		0	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.09				
	Not Retained	2	2.0%	5		11	12%	9	8.3%	12	10.79				
Other UCF	Retained	93	91.2%	87	90%	79	84%	97	89.8%	98	87.59				
	Retired	6	5.9%	5	5%	4	4%	2	1.9%	2	1.89				
	Total	102 100% 97 100% 94 100% 108 100%		112	1009										
	Deceased	0	0.0%	0		2	3%	0	0%	0	0.09				
	Not Retained	1	1.4%	2		2	3%	1	2%	3	4.39				
Rosen College of Hospitality Management	Retained	1 1.4% 2 3% 2 3% 1 2% 67 97.1% 65 97% 59 91% 61 98%		64	92.89										
	Retired	1	1.4%	0	0%	2	3%	0	0%	2	2.99				
	Total	69	100%	67	100%	65	100%	62	100%	69	1009				
<u> </u>	Deceased	4	0.2%	4	0.2%	4	0.2%	0	0.0%	1	0.19				
	Not Retained	79	4.0%	96		102	5.5%	126	6.7%	124	6.49				
UCF (all)	Retained	1844	93.6%	1774	93.1%	1718	91.9%	1722	91.8%	1750	91.09				
	Retired	43	2.2%	32	1.7%	46	2.5%	27	1.4%	48	2.59				
	Total	1970	100%	1906	100%	1870	100%	1875	100%	1923	1009				
		2019-20		2020-21		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24					
	Total Departures	126		132		152		153		173					
										1/3					
	Total # Faculty	1970		1906		1870		1875		1923					

5 yr Trend:Overall UCF faculty turbulence has increased since pre-pandemic with departures increasing over 37%, from 126 to 173, with "not retained" contributing to most of the increase, not retirements. Retention rates dropped consistently downward from 93.6% to 91%.

CGS remains the most turbulent with CAH recording the biggest five year increase in departures, followed closely by CCIE.

This year CAH, CCIE, CGS, and other UCF contributed to nearly 50% of the departures while making up about 38% of the faculty.

If retention indicates contentment, then COM, CHPS, and Institutions have the best retention this year, with institutions mantaining the most consistently high retention rates for four years

Table 2. Faculty *Not Retained* by College. *Not retained* includes faculty who were on visiting appointments that ended, faculty who were non-reappointed, and faculty who resigned.

College	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Total
Burnett Honors College	0	0	0	0	0	0
College of Arts and Humanities	6	11	20	21	25	83
College of Business Administration	6	6	3	5	4	24
College of Community Innovation and Education	3	9	13	15	17	57
College of Engineering & Computer Science	10	8	12	12	13	55
College of Graduate Studies	11	12	3	6	5	37
College of Health Professions and Sciences	7	8	2	8	4	29
College of Medicine	14	10	4	7	6	41
College of Nursing	2	1	3	3	5	14
College of Optics and Photonics	3	0	1	4	1	9
College of Sciences	10	22	24	32	25	113
College of Undergraduate Studies	1	0	2	0	1	4
Institutes and Centers	3	2	2	3	3	13
Other UCF	2	5	11	9	12	39
Rosen College of Hospitality Management	1	2	2	1	3	9
Total	79	96	102	126	124	527

Table 3. Faculty Not Retained by College, Tenure Status, and Rank. Not retained includes faculty who were on visiting appointments that ended, faculty who were non-reappointed, and faculty who resigned.

College of Arts and Humanities		2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	Tota
	11	16	28	24	31	110
Non Tenure Earning	3	9	19	14	18	63
003 - Assistant Professor		1	2		1	4
004 - Instructor		4	8	8	8	28
005 - Lecturer	3	3	7	6	9	28
099 - No Rank Assigned		1	2			3
Tenure/Tenure Earning	8	7	9	10	13	47
001 - Professor	6	1	3		2	12
002 - Associate Professor	1	1	4	4	9	19
003 - Assistant Professor	1	5	2	6	2	16
College of Business Administration	9 7	9	8 3	10 4	10 5	46 25
Non Tenure Earning 002 - Associate Professor	/	О	3	4		
002 - Associate Professor				2	1	1
004 - Instructor	4	2		1	3	10
005 - Lecturer	3	2	3	1	1	10
099 - No Rank Assigned	3	2	J	-	-	2
Tenure/Tenure Earning	2	3	5	6	5	21
001 - Professor	1	J	1	2	3	7
002 - Associate Professor	1	2	2	4	1	10
003 - Assistant Professor	=	1	2	•	1	4
College of Community Innovation and Education	13	15	20	17	23	88
Non Tenure Earning	8	7	9	7	15	46
002 - Associate Professor	2					2
003 - Assistant Professor				1		1
004 - Instructor	3	2	1	3	2	11
005 - Lecturer	2	4	7	2	9	24
099 - No Rank Assigned	1	1	1	1	4	8
Tenure/Tenure Earning	5	8	11	10	8	42
001 - Professor	3	3	5	3	3	17
002 - Associate Professor	1	2	4	5	4	16
003 - Assistant Professor	1	3	2	2	1	9
College of Engineering & Computer Science	11	12	16	13	15	67
Non Tenure Earning	3	3	5	6	7	24
002 - Associate Professor			1	1		2 6
003 - Assistant Professor	1	1	1	1	2	
004 - Instructor				1	1	2
005 - Lecturer			1	3	4	8
099 - No Rank Assigned	2	2	2	_		6
Tenure/Tenure Earning	8	9	11	7	8	43
001 - Professor	2	3	3	2	1	11
002 - Associate Professor	2	3	4	2	4	15
003 - Assistant Professor	4	3	4	3	3	17
College of Graduate Studies	11	13	3	6	7	40
Non Tenure Earning	10 1	13 1	3	5	4	35
001 - Professor 002 - Associate Professor	2	1	1	1		2 4
003 - Assistant Professor	4		1	1		5
099 - No Rank Assigned	3	12	1	4	4	24
Tenure/Tenure Earning	1	12		1	3	
001 - Professor	1			_	1	2
002 - Associate Professor	1				1	5 2 1
003 - Assistant Professor				1	1	2
College of Health Professions and Sciences	14	10	6	11	6	47
Non Tenure Earning	7	5	3	8	3	26
001 - Professor		· ·	2	J		2
002 - Associate Professor	1		-			1
003 - Assistant Professor	1	1				2
004 - Instructor	4	3		5	1	2 13
005 - Lecturer	1	1	1	3	2	8
Tenure/Tenure Earning	7	5	3	3	3	21
001 - Professor	3	2	2		2	9
002 - Associate Professor	2	2	1	1		6
003 - Assistant Professor	2	1		2	1	6
	16	12	7	9	8	52
College of Medicine	10					
College of Medicine Non Tenure Earning	12	10	6	7	6	41
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003 - Assistant Professor	4	4	2	3		13
004 - Instructor		1	_	· ·		1
008 - Assistant Professor Equivalent	2	1			1	4
015 - Associate University Librarian					1	1
099 - No Rank Assigned				1		1
Tenure/Tenure Earning	4	2	1	2	2	11
001 - Professor	2	2	1	2	1	8
002 - Associate Professor	2				1	3
College of Nursing	4	4	4	4	10	26
Non Tenure Earning		3	1	3	7	14
002 - Associate Professor		1			1	2
003 - Assistant Professor		4		0	1	1
004 - Instructor 005 - Lecturer		1 1	1	2 1	3 2	6 5
Tenure/Tenure Earning	4	1	3	1	3	12
001 - Professor	2	1	1	1	1	6
002 - Associate Professor	1	-	-	-	2	3
003 - Assistant Professor	1		2		_	3
College of Optics and Photonics	4		2	5	3	14
Non Tenure Earning	3		1	3	2	9
001 - Professor	1			1	1	3
008 - Assistant Professor Equivalent	1		1	2	1	5
099 - No Rank Assigned	1					1
Tenure/Tenure Earning	1		1	2	1	5
001 - Professor			1	2	1	4
003 - Assistant Professor	1					1
College of Sciences	17	26	33	39	36	151
Non Tenure Earning	7	19	17	24	17	84
001 - Professor		1				1
002 - Associate Professor		1	1			2
003 - Assistant Professor	1	_	1	2	1	5
004 - Instructor	1	6	4	7	4	22
005 - Lecturer	3	8	10	13	12	46
008 - Assistant Professor Equivalent	2	2	1	1 1		1 7
099 - No Rank Assigned	10	3 7	1 16	15	19	67
Tenure/Tenure Earning 001 - Professor	2	/	5	6	19	23
002 - Associate Professor	2	5	4	4	7	23
003 - Assistant Professor	6	2	7	5	2	22
College of Undergraduate Studies	1		2		1	4
Non Tenure Earning	1		2		1	4
004 - Instructor	-		-		1	1
099 - No Rank Assigned	1		2		_	3
Institutes and Centers	4	3	2	3	4	16
Non Tenure Earning	4	2	2	2	3	13
003 - Assistant Professor	2					2
008 - Assistant Professor Equivalent				1	1	2
099 - No Rank Assigned	2	2	2	1	2	9
Tenure/Tenure Earning		1		1	1	3
001 - Professor		1				1
002 - Associate Professor				1	1	2
Other UCF	9	10	15	11	14	59
Non Tenure Earning	9	10	15	11	12	57
004 - Instructor	1		1	1	1	4
005 - Lecturer		1	-			1
014 - University Librarian	1	1	1		•	3
015 - Associate University Librarian	2	1	3	1	2	7
016 - Assistant University Librarian	2 5	7	1 9	1 8	2 7	6
099 - No Rank Assigned Tenure/Tenure Earning	ວ	/	9	ŏ	2	36 2
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001 - Professor					2	
001 - Professor Rosen College of Hospitality Management	2	2	6	1	2	2 16
Rosen College of Hospitality Management	2	2	6 4	1	5	16
Rosen College of Hospitality Management Non Tenure Earning	2	2	4	1		16 4
Rosen College of Hospitality Management Non Tenure Earning 002 - Associate Professor	2	2	4 1	1		16 4 1
Rosen College of Hospitality Management Non Tenure Earning 002 - Associate Professor 004 - Instructor	2	2	4	1		16 4 1 3
Rosen College of Hospitality Management Non Tenure Earning 002 - Associate Professor			4 1 3		5	16 4 1 3 12
Rosen College of Hospitality Management Non Tenure Earning 002 - Associate Professor 004 - Instructor Tenure/Tenure Earning	2		4 1 3		5 5	16 4
Rosen College of Hospitality Management Non Tenure Earning 002 - Associate Professor 004 - Instructor Tenure/Tenure Earning 001 - Professor	2	2	4 1 3 2		5 5 1	16 4 1 3 12 2

		Current Senator and Steering Allocation with Equity Allocation. Rep						and faculty count stable: Senator and Steering sullocation. Representational and Opportunity				O Senators and	2 Steering.					Bylaws Jumbo 25/5 Steering ByLaw Change. Assuming CUGS goes away and faculty count stable: Senator and Steering Allocation. Representational and Opportunity Impacts 2026-2027.			
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March 10 2025: Working background on Senate and Steering Committee member numbers and allocations (excluding Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary):

The current 75-member Senate and 15-member Steering have not changed since 2010. UCF faculty numbers have grown significantly since then and the number of small units has also increased. Without growth of the Senate or the Steering Committee, the Senate and Steering have become less representative, offered less fair opportunity, and therefore have become less legitimate in its representative role to Provost and the President.

Specifically, larger colleges lost senators from the Senate as well as lost members from Steering in order to provide representation for smaller units, such as DDL and OR. Since establishment of the UCF Faculty Senate through 2010, traditionally the Senate expanded to accommodate an expansion of the faculty. For example, in the 1982-1983-2 Faculty Senate Constitutional Revisions, when there were fewer colleges and far fewer faculty, each college had a minimum of four senators and the Library had one. But when Senate Chairs Manoj Chopra (2005-2009) and when Chair Reid served on ByLaws in 2010, the Senate/Steering numbers was up to 70/14 and from there went to 75/15. In March 2025, Senate is still at the 75/15 ratio that it had in 2010, but has added at least 469 instructors and lecturers (based on 2021 Faculty Salary Equity report) to the faculty count as well as added DDL and OR to the unit count.

A consequence of the lack of expansion of Senate and Steering membership while overall UCF faculty membership and units increased resulted in a "robbing Peter to pay Paul" inclusion policy that took Senate and Steering members away from the larger colleges and gave them to the smaller academic units.

The result is:

Even more disproportionate and unfair representation. As an abbreviated example, in terms of core Steering members, CECS and DDL each have one representative at Steering. The CECS Steering member represents 253 faculty across 7 departments/school. That is approximately ten times the faculty at DDL with 26 faculty in one unit. CCIL is similarly underrepresented with 192 faculty across multiple diverse departments, again with only one voice on Steering. How can one person with one voice fairly or even adequately represent CECS at Steering? Ditto CCIL.

Unequal opportunity: Serving on Senate or on Steering is an honor, a privilege, and an opportunity. Using Steering as an example, a CECS Senator has a one in ten opportunity to serve on Steering, whereas in DDL, OR, Library, and CREOL, the opportunity is a 50% chance.

Additional ill effects of disproportionate representation: Outcomes from committees with disproportionate representation are often bias. Traditionally Steering is the first committee to have proportional representation. The rationale is that Steering needs to "steer" issues to committees in a representative manner. Further, Steering establishes Ad Hoc committees, approves items on the Senate agenda, and among other things, is a check on the Senate Chair. Without a more representative Steering Committee, one can easily imagine bias in those duties, with greater deference to the Chair and his/her agenda than might be appropriate.

Finally, resolution wording would not experience broad representational scrutiny until it reached Senate. That puts a greater strain on Senators to be aware of and understand the subtle inferences contained in the wording of resolutions or abstain from voting. For example, in a recent vote on amending resolution 2024-2025-9, Vice Chair Kaufman introduced a massive amendment without having gone through committee or the Steering Committee. The vote was 24 to 24 but more importantly, with 27 senators not voting. More senators abstained than voted for or against. Clearly, abstaining from voting indicates uncertainty. Uncertainty comes from not having the time or understanding of the implications of the amendment wording. Had the Steering Committee involved more committees in the drafting of resolution 2024-2025-9, then the high number of senators not voting may have been significantly reduced.

Solution: Changing the size of the Senate requires a Constitutional amendment. The easiest change is to change the total number of Senators from 75 to 85, in accordance with existing Constitutional and ByLaw provisions. The increase in 10 Senators would improve inequities between colleges/units while also automatically increasing Steering by 2 members to address the prior taking away representation from CECS and CCIL to accommodate DDL and OR additions.

The question becomes, what committee or committees might this topic be assigned to?

If this topic is assigned to the ByLaws committee in the next Senate, then the ByLaws Committee with its current membership will likely continue past behavior into the future. In the past, the ByLaws committee produced the resolutions that added DDL and OR to Senate and Steering without increasing Senate or Steering Committee membership numbers. Further, the ByLaws committee has not expanded Senate despite the growth in overall UCF faculty membership. In addition, the ByLaws committee has indicated a bias toward doubly down on unfair representation and unfair opportunities at Steering stating,

"The 4th area, then, was changing the number of Senators on the steering committee for each academic unit, and we had a start to a discussion on that. We've also tabled that for

the time being there are discussions both to increase the numbers for some units. There's also discussions that are ongoing about peeling that back and making it a non representative body. But just a committee, like many of our committees, are, and having a single representative for each academic unit on as well no definitive things."

If the ByLaws committee goes forward with "peeling back" Steering so that it becomes "a non representative body," then uncertainty about resolutions and amendments to resolutions will become more and more common at Senate. Beyond that, both COS and CAH would continue to lose their second member on Steering and only have one voice to represent their massive number of faculty.

In summary, enlarging Senate and Steering requires a constitutional amendment. Such an amendment should come from ByLaws or from the Personnel Committee or both working together.

Relying on the current ByLaws committee makeup of six ad hoc members with the Senate Chair and Senate Vice Chair being the most influential isn't likely to create this change. A change the membership makeup of the ByLaws committee is needed.

The Personnel Committee may take on the challenge of changing the Senate Constitution to enable expansion and promote fairer representation and opportunities while reducing the ill effects of current disproportionalities. The question is, does the Personnel Committee have members willing to see the process through?

Likely outcomes of various expansion options are shown in the Excel spreadsheet tilted "ByLaw change vs Option Zero vs 10 2 Traditional vs Go Big 15 3 Senator and Steering allocation models"