

As part of an overall strategy to update the School of Liberal Arts Bylaws to reflect the changing landscape of the School as well as to economize faculty participation in School committees, the ad-hoc Bylaws Review Committee recommends the following action item for consideration by the Faculty:

### **A redefinition of membership of the Nominating Committee**

#### ***Current situation:***

The Nominating Committee currently consists of five elected faculty members, as the present Bylaws indicates:

#### **Section 3.b. Nominating Committee**

1. The Committee shall prepare slates: of candidates for Agenda Council and for elected positions for presentation no later than the second spring semester meeting of the Faculty Assembly, of candidates to fill vacancies on the Agenda Council or elected positions between regular elections, of candidates for School representatives to the IUPUI Faculty Council, and of candidates for other elections that may from time to time become necessary.
2. The Committee shall be composed of five members of the faculty.

#### ***Proposal:***

The Nominating Committee will consist of four elected faculty members and one Agenda Council representative. The revision to the Bylaws would read:

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2. The Committee shall be composed of five members: four elected members of the faculty and one Agenda Council representative.

#### ***Rationale:***

Because of the recent declines in full-time resident faculty, defining membership of this committee as four elected faculty members and one Agenda Council representative will free up opportunities for willing faculty to be available for service on other committees and for participation in faculty governance in the School. Previously, as indicated above, the committee membership included five elected full-time faculty and one Agenda Council representative, who was appointed at the beginning of the new term for the newly elected president and the in-coming Agenda Council representatives. The revision here keeps five full-time faculty on the committee, with one being appointed by Agenda Council.

#### ***Known and expected benefits:***

Because of the recent decline in the number of full-time faculty, as pointed out above, finding willing candidates to run for election has become a particularly challenging undertaking most recently. Defining the membership of this committee in the way articulated in this proposal will help Faculty Assembly to find the needed members to join this important committee. Indeed, the reduction of one elected full-

time faculty member will make the task of finding enough faculty members willing to run for membership somewhat less complicated and even burdensome for those tasked with finding potential candidates. In addition, by identifying that one member of the committee should be appointed from the Agenda Council, the overall strength of the committee will not be diminished. The variety of representation from the faculty body should remain as broad as it has been in the past.