



University Senate TRANSMITTAL FORM

Senate Document #:	09-10-11
PCC ID #:	
Title:	Part-Time Graduate Student Representation
Presenter:	Kendra Wells, Chair
Date of SEC Review:	10/29/2009
Date of Senate Review:	11/12/2009
Voting (highlight one):	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On resolutions or recommendations one by one, or 2. In a single vote 3. To endorse entire report
Statement of Issue:	On October 2, 2009 the SEC charged the ERG Committee with reviewing whether part-time graduate students should be given a representative on the Senate.
Relevant Policy # & URL:	NA
Recommendation:	<p>The ERG Committee recommends that part-time graduate students be given full representation on the Senate. We ask that an additional category be added to Section 2.2 Single Member Constituencies of the Senate Bylaws.</p> <p>(f) The part-time graduate students shall elect one (1) Senator from among their ranks for a term of one (1) year, renewable for up to three (3) years. When the Senate votes by constituencies, that Senator shall have the same voting rights as all other student Senators. A part-time student Senator who changes to full-time status subsequent to election may serve out his/her term.</p>
Committee Work:	The committee voted unanimously that part-time graduate students should have a representative on the Senate.
Alternatives:	The Senate could decline part-time Graduate Student Representation.
Risks:	There are no associated risks.
Financial Implications:	There are no financial implications.
Further Approvals Required: <i>(*Important for PCC Items)</i>	Senate & Presidential

October 20, 2009

To: Elise Miller-Hooks
Chair, University Senate

From: Kendra Wells
Chair, ERG Committee

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Currently graduate students are represented by 10 at-large representatives with no more than two representatives from the same college. However, the Senate Plan of Organization stipulates in 3.4 (b) 5. that “a graduate student senator must be continuously enrolled and be certified by the Graduate School as a full-time graduate student in a graduate degree program at the University during the academic semesters served in the Senate, and shall not hold academic rank, nor an administrative or staff position, but may be a graduate assistant, graduate research assistant or graduate fellow.” These eligibility requirements preclude part-time graduate students from serving as a graduate student senator.

The undergraduate students are apportioned seats per college but are also given a seat for a part-time undergraduate representative in our single-member constituency category for a one-year term. This is outlined in the Senate Bylaws on page 4 section 2.2 (c)

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The fall 2009 enrollment figures for part-time undergraduates are 1,925 and 3,591 for part-time graduate students. The Elections, Representation and Governance Committee felt that clearly the part-time graduate students are underrepresented and should have representation. For the undergrad reps there are 1 per 1,000, staff 1 for 200, and faculty 1 for 17. The committee plans to request that single member constituencies be addressed when the Plan of Organization is next reviewed. The committee voted unanimously in favor of part-time graduate students being represented on the Senate.

The ERG Committee recommends that part-time graduate students be given full representation on the Senate. We ask that an additional category be added to Section 2.2 Single Member Constituencies of the Senate Bylaws:

(f) The part-time graduate students shall elect one (1) Senator from among their ranks for a term of one (1) year, renewable for up to three (3) years. When the Senate votes by constituencies, that Senator shall have the same voting rights as all other student Senators. A part-time student Senator who changes to full-time status subsequent to election may serve out his/her term.

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