To: David Turnbull, Chair of Senate

From: Stephen Hines, Chair of the Faculty Affairs Committee

Date: October 9, 2020

RE: *Changes to the Faculty Senate Constitution (Article III, Section 3.F – page 9) and Changes to the Faculty Senate Bylaws (page 3)*

Legislative Representative position:

On behalf of the FAC, I am writing to recommend Faculty Senate approval of the attached revisions to the WSU Faculty Senate Constitution and WSU Faculty Senate Bylaws. The proposal was passed on October 7, 2020, by the Faculty Affairs Committee and no significant concerns were recorded.

The Legislative Representative/Council of Faculty Representative plays a pivotal role in faculty governance as a liaison between the faculty, the WSU Faculty Senate, other state universities, and the Washington state legislature.

Changes are proposed to address several perceived needs:
- The need to clarify the timing of the election (fall semester, instead of spring) - so that a new Legislative Representative can be elected prior to the beginning of a new legislative session and thereby allow for necessary scheduling and planning.
    - ✓ There is also a need, in the case of a new representative, to create overlap and training/mentorship via the outgoing legislative representative.
- The need to clarify committee membership and reporting structure – i.e. the Legislative Representative has historically and necessarily worked closely with the Faculty Executive Committee.
- The need to clarify the length of the term. 3 years is recommended so as to provide stable representation and allow for strong working relationships with key personnel in the Washington State legislature.
- The need to update language, notably the correct names of other bodies and positions, such as the state-wide Council of Faculty (previously known as the Council of Faculty Representatives).

Please find attached
1. Redline (tracked) version of the targeted sections of the Senate Constitution and Senate Bylaws
2. Clean (untracked) version of the targeted sections