SP.20.09 Proposed Revision to the Constitution, Article II, Section 1.b; Article III, Section 1; and Article IV, Section 1

BACKGROUND
The proposed change is to update the terminology used in describing someone who is seeking a degree. The term “candidates for a degree” indicates those who are receiving a degree rather than those who are in the process of pursuing a degree.

RECOMMENDATION
The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends the Senate approve the following proposed revision to the Constitution. Text to be deleted is struck through and text to be added is underscored. Adoption of amendments to the Constitution requires a two-thirds vote of the Senate at a second reading.

PROPOSED REVISION TO THE CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE II, SECTION 1.b

Section 1. The faculty electorate is composed shall consist of those members of the academic staff who are directly engaged in and responsible for the educational function of the University; ordinarily this will involve teaching and research. Specifically, the faculty electorate shall consist of all persons of the campus non-visiting academic staff, other than excluding persons holding administrative appointments in excess of one-half time (the exception to this exclusion are executive officers of departments or similar units, and assistant or associate executive officers of such units, who are otherwise eligible), who:

a. Hold the modified or unmodified academic rank or title of professor, associate professor, or assistant professor, have at least a one-half time appointment, and are paid by the University; or

b. Hold the academic rank or title of instructor or lecturer at any rank, have at least a one-half time appointment, are paid by the University, and are not candidates for pursuing a degree from this University; or
PROPOSED REVISION TO THE CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE III, SECTION 1
Section 1. The academic professional electorate is composed of those members of the academic professional staff who are engaged in and responsible for the educational function of the University; ordinarily this will involve teaching and research. Specifically, the academic professional electorate shall consist of all persons of the campus non-visiting academic staff who have a full-time appointment, are paid by the University, are not candidates for pursuing a degree from this University, and who are members of the academic staff as defined in the Statutes, Article II, Section 5, and satisfy the teaching or research criteria established by the Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials and approved by the Senate.

PROPOSED REVISION TO THE CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1
Section 1. The student electorate shall consist of all persons actively pursuing a degree on this campus who meet the eligibility requirements for voting and who are not members of the faculty or academic professional electorate. Eligibility for voting shall require that the student be:

a. In residence, and

b. A candidate for pursuing a degree.

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