

Proposed Changes to the Faculty Manual: Faculty Voting Rights

Justification

This proposed revision expands faculty voting rights to all professional-track faculty, with the exception of voting on tenure-track guidelines and advancements. The current Faculty Manual allows academic units to exclude professional-track faculty from voting within a college, school, or department. Almost all units have expanded voting rights to include professional-track faculty, as is appropriate for faculty who are an instrumental part of the teaching, research, and service missions of the university.

If approved, this revision will require an update of [ACAF 1.16 Professional-track Faculty](#).

Current Faculty Manual Text (page 14)	Proposed Text
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