

Proposed Revisions to the *Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Manual*  
Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate  
University of South Carolina

Brief Title of Proposed Change	Reducing the Number of Senators Proportionately by Campus
Committee Proposing Revision	Executive Committee
Date of Presentation to Senate	4/7/17
Senate Approval Date	4/7/17

**Rationale for Proposed Revisions**

- The current bylaws allow all Palmetto College Campuses three minimum voting senators, adding that an additional senator “will be elected for each one hundred full-time equivalent students above three hundred enrolled for the fall semester” and limiting the total number of senators per campus to nine. **While this system does proportionately represent campuses based upon enrollment, in application it has proven burdensome on the relatively small body of eligible and willing faculty members; this is especially true for smaller campuses.**
- The proposed revision will not change the representational formulae—campuses with higher enrollment will still elect more senators than those with lower enrollment—but does lower the average and maximum numbers of active senators, effectively reducing the current senate representation by one third.
- The minimum number of senators per campus will remain at three.
- The proposed enrollment figure for additional senator eligibility is one-hundred-fifty.
- The proposed maximum number of senators per campus is seven.
- Benefits:
  - The proposed change will maintain proportional representation without burdening campuses unduly, and will also allow faculty members regularly involved in senate more off-duty time.
  - The proposed change responds to faculty wishes (as solicited by recent Faculty Welfare Surveys) to lower their overall service commitment, and therefore to increase time for teaching and scholarship.
  - The proposal still guarantees equal representation for each campus on all three standing committees.
  - The proposed change should make senate membership and representation a more “competitive” process, allowing for more seasoned and invested senators across all campuses.

**Summary of Proposed Revisions**

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**Section and page numbers of the current *Manual* for proposed revisions**

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three senators from the Faculty of each Palmetto College Campus. (See Appendix II, Article II, Section 1.) One additional senator will be elected for each one hundred full-time equivalent students above three hundred enrolled for the fall semester. No Palmetto College Campus shall have more than nine senators. If enrollment decreases, compliance shall be accomplished by attrition.

Senators shall be elected for three-year terms, unless otherwise chosen to fill an unexpired term. Approximately one-third of the delegation of each campus shall be elected each year.

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