

A motion to amend the Bylaws of the New Brunswick Faculty Council
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Section II of the Bylaws of the New Brunswick Faculty Council currently contains the following sections.

1. Faculty eligible to participate in Council elections and to serve as voting Council delegates (such faculty are henceforth referred to in this document as "faculty members") shall include all full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty who are appointed on faculty lines in faculties, schools, or libraries based in New Brunswick. It shall also include faculty members in dual-campus faculties whose principal offices are in New Brunswick and two representatives of annual and part-time faculty as specified in #8 below.

8. Annual and part-time faculty shall elect two representatives in a manner consistent with how all other Council representatives are chosen, modified as necessary to suit the special circumstances consequent to their temporary status. The specifics of their electoral practice shall be conveyed to the Faculty Council Chair for review and certification. One of the two representatives shall be from the School of Arts and Sciences and the other from one of the professional schools. One of the representatives shall be a full-time annual and the other shall be a part-time lecturer.

As discussed at the February 4 meeting of the Council, the wording of paragraph 1 excludes full-time faculty members (other than annual faculty as discussed in paragraph 8) whose appointments are not tenured or tenure track. For example, clinical faculty are not eligible.

As many such faculty members participate fully in the activities of the University, the Executive Committee believes that such faculty members should not be excluded and that the wording of the paragraph 1 should be changed to make all full-time Rutgers University faculty in New Brunswick eligible to participate in Council elections and to serve as voting Council delegates. Although such a change would extend eligibility to annual faculty members, the Executive Committee recommends that the special arrangement for an annual faculty representative discussed in paragraph 8 be continued in order to ensure some representation by annual faculty.

Therefore the Executive Committee recommends that paragraph II.8 of the Bylaws be retained without change and that paragraph II.1 be amended to read:

1. Faculty eligible to participate in Council elections and to serve as voting Council delegates (such faculty are henceforth referred to in this document as "faculty members") shall include all full-time Rutgers University faculty based in New Brunswick. It shall also include faculty members in dual-campus faculties whose principal offices are in New Brunswick . In addition, two representatives of annual and part-time faculty will serve on the council, as specified in #8 below.

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