Proposed Amendments to the UMass Chan Governance Document

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Governance Document Section Revision Timeline

Date	Description
July 2024- present	Pre-Review of Standing Committee revisions
June 5, 2025	Pre-Review of Governing Bodies proposed revisions
June-August 2025	Legal review by UMass Chan and Office of the General Counsel
October 2025	Final version presented at Faculty Council for vote
November 2025	Final version presented at Executive Council for vote
December 2025	Ballot sent to faculty-at-large
December 2025	Reminder e-mail to all faculty
January 2025	Ballot closes
January 2025	Final document forwarded for administration approval and Board of Trustees review



Governance Document of The University Of Massachusetts Worcester

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ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENT

The Faculty Council and Executive Council shall periodically review the Governance Document at a minimum of every five years. Amendments to this document shall require approval by two-thirds vote of both the Faculty Council and the Executive Council. If approved by both Councils, the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the Faculty-at-large for a simple majority vote for or against its acceptance. If voted favorably, the proposed amendment shall be transmitted for consideration and potential approval according to the procedures outlined in T73-098 (as amended).

No amendments to this document shall become effective without the approval of the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to alter, amend, or revoke the foregoing documents in part or in whole at any time.

Amendment 1: Standardized Language Changes throughout

- UMW − UMass Chan
- + His/Her Their

Amendment 2: Faculty Council Membership

Article V.B.2. Membership

- a. Voting membership of the Faculty Council shall consist of:
 - i. Representatives of the Faculty elected by each School or Department (for Schools with Departments) in a number related to its complement of Faculty-at-large as follows:

1 - 100:
1 representative
2 representatives
201 - 300:
3 representatives
301 or greater:
4 representatives

Terms for faculty members shall be for three academic years - staggered so that approximately one third will take office each academic year.

- ii. Representatives of each Regional Campus (1 per campus)
- iii. Chairs of each school's faculty Representative Body.
- iv. One President of each school's student Representative Body.

Discussion