**Title**

Senate Apportionment and Membership for New Georgia Southern

**Motion**

To determine the new Senate structure for the institution the OWG 5-1 Faculty Governance recommends apportioned faculty senate membership based on the current *Statutes* of Georgia Southern University. In addition to maintaining the current faculty apportionment policy, the OWG recommends that there will be at least one faculty member serving at the different location to represent each college, we will have at least one senator from both the Statesboro and Armstrong campus to serve on faculty senate executive committee. One representative from the Liberty campus is also recommended.

The SEC moves to add these revisions to senate bylaws on membership to reflect apportionment for all colleges and senate representative for the Liberty campus.

**Rationale**

The OWG 5-1 Faculty Governance is charged with consolidating the governance structure for the new GSU, presented the following recommendations to the CIC on August 7th 2017.

*OWG 5-1: Faculty Governance – Co-chairs: Richard Flynn (GSU) and David Bringman (ASU) The following recommendations were approved by consensus of the CIC with no objections.*

1. *Recommend consolidation of the two faculty senates with additional seats designated to represent the ARM and Liberty campuses based on Georgia Southern’s current method of apportionment: Page 4 of 44 It is important that there be one faculty senate for the new institution.*
2. *Under the current apportionment method (spelled out in Article II of the current Georgia Southern Bylaws) there will be approximately twenty additional senators designated to represent the ARM and Liberty Campuses.* (CIC Meeting Notes August 7th. Consolidation Website <http://consolidation.georgiasouthern.edu/wp-content/uploads/August-7.Minutes.2017.pdf>)

The motion presented to the current GSU faculty senate is to discuss our framework for moving forward in consolidating faculty senate members across our different location. Based on the criteria above the new faculty members representing Armstrong would be 23 senators and 1 from Liberty campus. Many of our faculty members are shifting between campuses this number may change pending the number of faculty members that will be housed on the Armstrong campus. Below represents a chart for senators by college and location to further illustrate how this would look for voting purposes in Spring 2018 (elections for senators starting in Fall 2018).

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| **College** | **Faculty GSU** | **Senators – Statesboro** | **Faculty Armstrong** | **Senators**  **Armstrong** |
| College of Business | 109 | 7 | 8 | 1 |
| Allen E. Paulson College of Engineering and Computing | 91 | 6 | 14 | 1 |
| Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health | 45 | 3 | 5 | 1 |
| College of Science and Mathematics | 117 | 8 | 73 | 5 |
| Don and Cindy Waters College of Health Professions | 97 | 6 | 75 | 5 |
| College of Education | 92 | 6 | 24 | 2 |
| College of Behavioral Sciences | 92 | 6 | 25 | 2 |
| College of Arts and Humanities | 192 | 13 | 86 | 6 |
| Library | 18 | 1 | 4 | 1 |
| Liberty Campus |  | 1 |  |  |
| **TOTAL** | 853 | 57 | 314 | 23 |

*\*(last revised 10-31-2017)*

Using the apportionment approach would ensure representatives from different locations of the institution and increase collaboration for a unified faculty voice. Additionally, combining senates will allow colleges and senate representative’s time to collaborate and integrate as needed. Elections for 2019 will adhere to the total number faculty for the entire college across both campuses for apportionment determination of faculty senate members.