

Existing wording	Proposed wording
Article IV, Section 2 – Representation, Subsection A, Paragraph 3	Article IV, Section 2 – Representation, Subsection A, Paragraph 3
Two (2) Senators: one Senator elected at large from the non-negotiated trades <b>staff</b> and a second senator elected at large from the negotiated <b>Physical Plant staff consisting of the carpenters, teamsters, and operating engineers.</b>	Two (2) Senators: one Senator elected at large from the non-negotiated trades <b>employee group</b> and a second senator elected at large from the negotiated <b>trades employee group.</b>
	Rationale: Additional trades are now negotiated.
Article IV, Section 2 – Representation, Subsection A, Paragraph 7	Article IV, Section 2 – Representation, Subsection A, Paragraph 7
Two (2) Senators appointed by the President of Eastern Illinois University to represent the minority community upon recommendation of the Minority Affairs Director.	Two (2) Senators appointed <b>for a three (3) year term</b> by the President of Eastern Illinois University to represent the minority community upon recommendation of the Minority Affairs Director.
	Rationale: The term of appointment was not specified. This would make appointed senators the same term of service as elected members.
Article IV, Section 2 – Representation, Subsection C	Article IV, Section 2 – Representation, Subsection C
<p><b><u>The original Staff Senator will consist of Senators to serve terms as follows:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b><u>One (1) year term</u></b>  <b><u>One (1) Senator appointed from each of the following groups: Union 1271, Union 981, Civil Service Council, Council of University Administrators, One (1) minority Senator appointed by the President, One (1) Senator elected from the Contract Appointment staff</u></b></li> <li>2. <b><u>Two (2) year terms</u></b>  <b><u>One (1) Senator elected from each of the following groups: Union 1271, Union 981, non-negotiated excluding trades and negotiated Physical Plant, non-negotiated trades and University Police.</u></b></li> <li>3. <b><u>Three (3) year terms</u></b>  <b><u>One (1) Senator elected from each of the following groups: Union 1271, Union 981, non-negotiated excluding trades and negotiated Physical Plant, negotiated Physical Plant, and the Administrative and Professionals; One (1) minority Senator appointed by the President.</u></b></li> </ol>	<b>Removed</b>
	Rationale: Original Staff Senate membership does not play a role in present operations and historical representation is available in the Senate archives.

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Article V, Section 6 – Vacancy	Article V, Section 6 – Vacancy
When a vacancy occurs in any office of the Staff Senate, the Staff Senate shall elect, from its own membership, a new officer to fill the vacancy.	When a vacancy occurs in any office of the Staff Senate, the Staff Senate shall elect, from its own membership a new officer to fill the vacancy. <b>The senator must meet all qualifications as set forth in Article 5, Section 3.</b>
	Rationale: Clarifies qualifications of Officers elected mid-term.
Article VI, Section 1	Article VI, Section 1
<u>Section 1.</u> The Staff Senate shall meet at least once per month. The date of the regular meetings shall be determined by the Staff Senate as a whole. <b>Meetings are open to the membership.</b>	<u>Section 1.</u> The Staff Senate shall meet at least once per month. The date of the regular meetings shall be determined by the Staff Senate as a whole.
	Rationale: As a public body, Staff Senate meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act. Stating the meetings are open to the membership is redundant.
Article VI, Section 2	Article VI, Section 2
Special meetings of the Staff Senate may be held at any time at the call of the President or at the written request of <b>any four (4)</b> Senators or upon petition by fifty (50) members.	Special meetings of the Staff Senate may be held at any time at the call of the President or at the written request of <b>at least one-fourth (1/4) of the</b> Senators or upon petition by fifty (50) members.
	Rationale: Changed to match Article V, Section 5, Subsection A, Paragraph 4.
Article VI, Section 3	Article VI, Section 3
A quorum of the Staff Senate shall be <b>two-thirds (2/3)</b> of the Senators.	A quorum of the Staff Senate shall be <b>a majority</b> of the <b>seated</b> Senators.
	Rationale: Allows quorum to be reached easier in the event of senate vacancies.
Article VI, Section 4	Article VI, Section 4
<b>The right to address the Staff Senate shall be open to the membership as defined herein upon written request</b> to the Secretary two (2) weeks prior to the next meeting. The subject of the request shall appear on the agenda.	<b>Requests to address the Staff Senate shall be made in writing</b> to the Secretary two (2) weeks prior to the next meeting. The subject of the request shall appear on the agenda.
	Rationale: Allows faculty, students, and other non-member to address the Senate.
Article VII, Section 3 – Appointment, Subsection D	Article VII, Section 3 – Appointment, Subsection D
The members of Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Executive Committee to serve for a one (1) <b>to three (3)</b> year term. A member of a Standing Committee may serve for a maximum of three (3) consecutive years on the same Standing Committee.	The members of Standing Committees shall be appointed by the Executive Committee to serve for a one (1) year term. A member of a Standing Committee may serve for a maximum of three (3) consecutive years on the same Standing Committee.
	Rationale: Enables flexibility in appointing and reappointing committee members.

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<p>Article VII, Section 4 – Standing Committees, Subsection D</p> <p><b><u>The Staff Outreach Committee, This committee shall develop and maintain a Directory of University Personnel who are involved with various community organizations and projects. This directory will compile and communicate available resources linking the University and surrounding communities. A goal of this committee will be to build a campus networking team of those willing to be used as referrals.</u></b></p>	<p>Article VII, Section 4 – Standing Committees, Subsection D</p> <p><b>Removed</b></p>
	<p>Rationale: This standing committee is no longer necessary because the Student Community Service Office now exists on EIU’s campus. Their mission is clearly stated on their web page: <b>Community Service and Service-Learning</b> Civic engagement is all about getting engaged with your community, whether it’s right here in Charleston and Mattoon, or with a national or international program. We are here as a resource for students, faculty, staff, and community members – our goal is to help you connect with, build, and sustain meaningful service initiatives.</p>
<p>Article X – Amendment to the Constitution</p> <p><b><u>Any proposal to amend</u></b> this Constitution shall be submitted in writing accompanied by a formal petition signed by one third (1/3) of the Senators. <b><u>Any member may propose an amendment accompanied by a petition bearing fifty (50) signatures of the membership.</u></b> An amendment petition must be submitted to the Secretary of the Staff Senate for placement on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Staff senate two (2) weeks prior of the said meeting. If the requirements have been met, the petition to amend the Constitution shall be presented and discussed at the next regular meeting of the Staff Senate. Further discussion and voting will take place at the following regular meeting <b><u>at which a quorum is present.</u></b> If the proposal receives an affirmative majority vote from those members present and voting, it shall be submitted by means of a campus-wide ballot to all members as identified in Article IV, Section 1. within thirty (30) days of the meeting at which the proposed amendment was voted on. A final tally of the campus-wide ballots will be taken within ten (10) days after the specified voting deadline. Amendment to the Constitution shall be adopted upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total members voting.</p>	<p>Article X – Amendment to the Constitution</p> <p><b>Proposed amendments to</b> this Constitution shall be submitted in writing accompanied by a formal petition signed by one third (1/3) of the Senators <b>or</b> fifty (50) <b>Members.</b> An amendment petition must be submitted to the Secretary of the Staff Senate for placement on the agenda of the next regular meeting of the Staff senate two (2) weeks prior of the said meeting. If the requirements have been met, the petition to amend the Constitution shall be presented and discussed at the next regular meeting of the Staff Senate. Further discussion and voting will take place at the following regular meeting. If the proposal receives an affirmative majority vote from those members present and voting, it shall be submitted by means of a campus-wide ballot to all members as identified in Article IV, Section 1. within thirty (30) days of the meeting at which the proposed amendment was voted on. A final tally of the campus-wide ballots will be taken within ten (10) days after the specified voting deadline. Amendment to the Constitution shall be adopted upon an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the total members voting.</p>
	<p>Rationale: Clarifies the process by which amendments may be made. Votes may only take place at meetings at which a quorum is present.</p>