
Faculty Governance Update to the Regents

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Flexible Tenure Clock - At the January 23, 2006 Senate Assembly meeting, Senate Assembly passed a resolution regarding the recommendations in the report of the Provost's Committee to Consider a More Flexible Tenure Probationary Period.

The resolution passed by a margin of 39 votes for, 1 against, and 1 abstention.

Executive Committee Formation and Issues of Involvement - Also at the January 23, 2006 Senate Assembly meeting, Senate Assembly passed a resolution addressing:

- 1) the election method for executive committee membership, and endorsed the democratic method of forwarding only the highest vote-getter to the Regents for approval;
and
- 2) the areas of involvement of executive committees, which were determined to be:
 - a) tenure and promotion,
 - b) administrative and other academic appointments including the composition of search committees leading to these appointments as well as to chair professorship nominations, and
 - c) budget (including all necessary information to provide oversight of the budget including merit raises).

The resolution passed by a margin of 35 votes for, 5 against, and 2 abstentions.