Faculty Senate Reapportionment Proposal, February 2016

The College of Arts and Science currently has 17 representatives on the Faculty Senate. Of the 17 representatives, 15 are evenly divided among the three academic divisions, the Humanities, the Natural Sciences, and the Social Sciences. The other two representatives rotate from division to division, starting (alphabetically) with the Humanities, the Natural Sciences, and then the Social Sciences.

Faculty Senators have been reapportioned among Vanderbilt’s colleges and schools, and A&S will have one fewer representative, starting in fall 2016. It is reasonable for A&S to eliminate one of the two rotating positions, but these representatives are in the middle of their terms and cutting one of them seems unfair. Consequently, the best solution in the interim is for one of the rotating representatives to become a divisional representative for the remaining term, thus replacing one of the divisional positions that would otherwise have been up for election in spring 2016.

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