Proposal to change the composition of the A&S Faculty Council

The A&S Faculty Council proposes to change the composition of its twelve elected members. Currently, there are two members from each division (two from Humanities, two from Natural Sciences, two from Social Sciences) and six members at large. The Faculty Council proposes to **increase the number of members from each division from two to three, and reduce the number of at large members from six to three**. The proposed composition is thus: three from Humanities, three from the Natural Sciences, three from the Social Sciences, and three at large, totaling twelve elected members.

The current composition of the Faculty Council is arranged so that half of the elected members are drawn from the whole college and half are drawn from their respective divisions. The rationale for changing the composition is that it would ensure more equitable representation of each division in practice and would provide more opportunities for faculty members from different divisions to serve on the Faculty Council.

The current composition of the Faculty Council is addressed in Article II, Section 1, Clause C of the A&S Constitution:

> The twelve voting members shall be divided as follows: two members from each division and six members at large. The method of election shall be such that each year there shall be one member elected from each division and three members at large. The divisional members shall be elected by that division.

The Faculty Council proposes to change this to:

> The twelve elected members shall be divided as follows: three members from each division and three members at large. The method of election in odd numbered years shall be such that two members are elected from each division. The method of election in even numbered years shall be such that one member is elected from each division and three members are elected at large. The divisional members shall be elected by that division.

The Faculty Council proposes that this change go into effect starting with the 2017 election. This would directly transition the Council’s composition to be three members from each division and three members at large.
Ballot wording for the proposal to change the composition of the A&S Faculty Council

The A&S Faculty Council contains twelve elected members. Currently, there are two members from each division (two from Humanities, two from Natural Sciences, two from Social Sciences) and six members at large. The intent of this amendment is to change the composition of the A&S Faculty Council by increasing the number of members from each division and decreasing the number of members at large. The proposed composition of the A&S Faculty Council would be: three members from each division and three members at large. The proposed change would go into effect starting with the 2017 election for A&S Faculty Council.

Proposed A&S Constitutional amendment to change the composition of the Faculty Council

RESOLVED, that Article II, Section 1, Clause C of the Constitution be replaced by:

The twelve elected members shall be divided as follows: three members from each division and three members at large. The method of election in odd numbered years shall be such that two members are elected from each division. The method of election in even numbered years shall be such that one member is elected from each division and three members are elected at large. The divisional members shall be elected by that division.

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__________ Accept these amendments. __________ Reject these amendments.