



December 19, 2025

TO: Senate Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction

RE: Bylaw 55 Voting Rights Extension Form

Dear Randy,

While discussing the Bylaw 55 voting rights extension form with various departments, two questions came to mind relating to the interpretation of the form. I would appreciate hearing the view from R&J on the following:

1. Under PROMOTIONS the leading text says, "All tenured faculty vote on promotions to tenure." Promotions within the Professor of Teaching series are promotions to security of employment. Should the leading text be changed to "All tenured faculty vote on promotions to tenure or to security of employment?" Otherwise, it is not clear in the form that tenured faculty have the right to vote on promotions for assistant/associate professors of teaching.
2. In the section "PROFESSOR OF TEACHING SERIES VOTING PRIVILEGES" the leading text says, "Voting rights are restricted to actions within the Professor of Teaching Series unless explicitly extended by faculty within the Ladder Rank Professor series." Does this mean that Professors of Teaching inherently have voting rights with their series, and if so, do those voting rights mirror what faculty within the Ladder Rank Professor series inherently have within their series?

Thank you in advance for your consideration of these questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Daniel R. Jeske".

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