



October 10, 2023

To: Senate

From: School of Business Executive Committee

Re: Proposed Bylaw Revision: Proposed Revisions to Senate Bylaw 55 (Departmental Voting Rights)

In its October 10, 2023 meeting, the School of Business Executive Committee discussed the proposal and voted unanimously against it. The committee believes that the proposal infringes upon basic principles of self-governance. Through the current Bylaw 55, each unit currently can choose to extend to teaching professors the same voting rights as research professors. The proposal takes away that choice by forcing them to, and the Committee strongly feels that this constitutes an dangerous overreach. Departments should have the right to determine the voting right for each group of faculty, not only according to rank, but also according to whether they are on the research or teaching track.