Proposed change to BYLAWS of the FACULTY OF THE COLLEGE OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

For vote at the June 12 Faculty Meeting

The Executive Committee is proposing a change to the CBS Bylaws to have elected members of the Executive Committee serve a three-year, instead of a two-year term. The reason for this is to develop better procedure for the selection of a Vice-Chair who will become the Chair on the following year. Under the old two-year term rule, the new Vice-Chair is asked to come in from the ranks of the regular faculty, and then to become Chair the following year. With a three-year term, the new Vice-Chair could be selected from the group of first-year members, who would have some understanding of the duties of the Vice-Chair and Chair before agreeing to take this on.

The relevant part of the bylaws reads (without the highlighting):

PART VIII. COMMITTEES

52 Executive Committee

A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Chair, Vice Chair/Secretary, one elected member from each section of the College of Biological Sciences, two at large faculty members elected by majority vote of the Faculty of the College, the Dean, and Associate Deans of the College. The Dean and Associate Deans will serve ex officio. Each elected member shall serve a two-year term.

The proposed change is to the last sentence. The proposed language is:

Each elected member shall serve a three-year term.
SECOND CHANGE ALSO PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

Current bylaw reads

Committee on Awards and Honors
   A. There shall be a Committee on Awards and Honors composed of three faculty members, one student affairs officer, one undergraduate and one graduate student.
   B. The proposed change is to:

    There shall be a Committee on Awards and Honors composed of five faculty members (one from each Department), one student affairs officer, and one graduate student.