

From Nicole:

Dear Colleagues,

At our last Senate meeting we voted on the composition of the Senate beginning 2009-2010. We indicated that there will be 5 senators from each college, with no more than one from each being untenured. I have an additional idea. Over the years that I have been on the Senate, there has been discussion back and forth about whether we should change the structure such that each department has a representative on the Senate. The issue is that small departments never/rarely have representation on the Senate. I am wondering whether with this new structure we should indicate that at least four of the senators in each college will be from different departments. The 5th senator then could be from the same department as another. This seems like it would give smaller departments greater chances of being represented and larger departments the chance to have a second senator.

I sent this idea to Rebecca and she suggested I send it to the larger body prior to our next meeting so we can think about it. She said we can put it on our next agenda.

Thanks,

Nicole