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Title A Proposition to Add “Section B, Part 11” to the Faculty Senate By-Laws Defining the Calculation Procedure for Allocating Senators from the Las Cruces Campus

Proposal

It is proposed to add a new part to “Section B: Standing Rules of the Senate” of NMSU Faculty Senate By-Laws. This section would provide the procedure for calculating the number of senators for each college on the Las Cruces campus per Section III, Article A of the Faculty Senate Constitution. It will follow immediately after the description of how the data for the allocation is to be obtained. The proposed addition is given below:

11. Section III, Article A of the Faculty Senate Constitution requires that 23 senators be allocated among the various colleges on the Las Cruces campus based on the number of majors in each college and that an additional 23 senators be allocated among the various colleges based on the number of faculty in each college. The procedure for calculating these allocations is given below:
 - a) For the number of senators allocated based on the number of majors, determine the fraction of majors in each college by dividing the number of majors in each college by the total number of majors.
 - b) Multiply the fractions obtained in step a above by 23 and truncate the result to an integer.
 - c) If the number of senators allocated in step b above does not total 23, rank order from largest to smallest the remainders from step b above and then starting with the largest remainder, add one additional senator to as many colleges as necessary until a total of 23 senators have been allocated.
 - d) In the event that two or more colleges have identical remainders for the allocation of the final senator, the allocation will be done by drawing of straws by the senior senators from the affected colleges.
 - e) Repeat steps a-d above using the number of faculty instead of the number of majors to allocate the remaining 23 senators.

Rationale

Although the Faculty Senate adopted this procedure for allocating senators several years ago, it does not currently appear in either the Faculty Senate Constitution or the Faculty Senate By-Laws. This addition to the By-Laws corrects that oversight.