

WKU FACULTY SENATE: May 6, 2021  
Senate Charter Revision, Section IV.F.3  
Approved on Second Reading

Senate Recommendation 2021-05-13

*Julia Shadoan, Senate Chair*

**Proposed WKU Faculty Senate Charter Amendment  
Respectfully submitted by Dan Clark**

**Topic: University Academic Complaint Committee**

**IV.F.3.**

**Current language:**

One-half of the membership of the University Academic Complaint Committee (two faculty and two faculty alternates and one student and one student alternate) is elected by the Faculty Senate in the spring of odd-numbered years. The pool of candidates will be made up of the regular (not alternate) faculty and student members of the individual college academic complaint committees. The Faculty Senate will vote for four candidates from the faculty pool and two candidates from the student pool. The two faculty members and the student receiving the highest number of votes will serve as the members of the University Academic Complaint Committee, and the two faculty members and student receiving the next highest votes will be elected as the alternates. The term of service for these members shall be two years, beginning August 1st . A representative on the University Academic Complaint Committee cannot hear a student's appeal if he/she has already reviewed the student's case at the department or college level. In this event, an alternate will serve on the University Academic Complaint Committee.

**Proposed language:**

One-half of the membership of the University Academic Complaint Committee (two faculty and two faculty alternates and one student and one student alternate) is elected by the Faculty Senate **annually** in the spring ~~of odd-numbered years~~. The pool of candidates will be made up of the regular (not alternate) faculty and student members of the individual college academic complaint committees. The Faculty Senate will vote for four candidates from the faculty pool and two candidates from the student pool. The two faculty members and the student receiving the highest number of votes will serve as the members of the University Academic Complaint Committee, and the two faculty members and student receiving the next highest votes will be elected as the alternates. The term of service for these members shall be **one** ~~two~~ years, beginning August 1st . A representative on the University Academic Complaint Committee cannot hear a student's appeal if he/she has already reviewed the student's case at the department or college level. In this event, an alternate will serve on the University Academic Complaint Committee.

**Rationale:**

This committee has not always been the easiest to convene, particularly for the student members. Committing students to two-year terms has caused problems with attempting to convene the committee in the second year of the term.