

Discussion of ASEC Term Limits

Current Language

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Proposed Language

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2. *Terms of Office.*

1. The ASEC terms will run from July 1 to June 30 with one-third of the committee elected annually.
2. Membership on the ASEC is limited to one partial term of two years or less plus two consecutive three-year terms. Eligibility for election to the ASEC is reinstated one year after a member vacates her or his seat on the committee.

Explanation

The proposed changes are meant to clarify term limits for ASEC members. ASEC members are elected for 3-year terms, however they may leave the committee before their three year term is completed. When this happens, a replacement member is elected by the Assembly to finish serving out through June 30 of the current academic year. In the spring, a replacement member is elected by the academic staff at large to fill out the remainder of the term.

ASPP states that “individuals are limited to 2 consecutive three-year terms on ASEC”. However, it gives no guidance on what to do if the term is less than 3-years, as it would be for the replacement candidate. The proposed changes are meant to clarify that the replacement candidate would be eligible for an additional 2 three-year terms when they have finished serving their replacement term.