TO: University of Richmond faculty
FROM: University Faculty Council
RE: Recommended changes to the Guide to Faculty Governance concerning University Faculty Council Membership

In the section of the Guide to Faculty Governance describing University Faculty Council, we recommend the changes indicated below.

The first paragraph of section (a.) Organization currently reads:

The University Faculty Council shall consist of seventeen members, said members to be nominated and elected by the five faculties from among their colleagues. There shall be ten members from Arts and Sciences, three from Business, two from Law, one from Leadership Studies, and one from Continuing Studies. Election procedures will be determined by the respective faculties. The five faculty deans will serve as non-voting ex officio members of the University Faculty Council.

Recommended changes are indicated below with additions underlined and deletions in strike-through font.

The University Faculty Council shall consist of seventeen members, said members to be nominated and elected by the five faculties from among their full-time colleagues who have continuing annually renewable appointments or who have been granted faculty status. There shall be ten members from Arts and Sciences, three from Business, two from Law, one from Leadership Studies, and one from Continuing Studies. Election procedures will be determined by the respective faculties. Faculty members who hold administrative positions in the offices of the President, Provost, or one of the Deans of the schools are not eligible to serve as voting members of the Council. The five faculty deans will serve as non-voting ex officio members of the University Faculty Council.

Thus, the proposed language for the first paragraph of section (a.) Organization reads:

The University Faculty Council shall consist of seventeen members to be nominated and elected by the five faculties from among their full-time colleagues who have continuing annually renewable appointments or who have been granted faculty status. There shall be ten members from Arts and Sciences, three from Business, two from Law, one from Leadership Studies, and one from Continuing Studies. Election procedures will be determined by the respective faculties. Faculty members who hold administrative positions in the offices of the President, Provost, or one of the Deans of the schools are not eligible to serve as voting members of the Council.
Paragraph (2.) of section (a.) Organization currently reads:

The term of an elected member of the University Faculty Council shall be automatically terminated at the time said member ceases full-time teaching at the University, or in the event of an anticipated absence from the University for a full academic year or more. A special election will be held to fill the unexpired portion of the term in question. In case of a year or less anticipated absence of an elected member, that member will be temporarily replaced through appointment by the chairman with the approval of the elected members of the Council. In such case, the absent member will resume his/her place on the Council upon return. Nothing in this paragraph shall apply to faculty members with academic release time or faculty serving as department chairmen who have reduced teaching loads.

Recommended revisions to paragraph (2.) of section (a.) Organization are indicated below with the changes underlined.

The term of an elected member of the University Faculty Council shall end at the time s/he becomes a part-time employee of the University, takes a leave of absence from the University, or assumes an administrative position in the offices of the President, Provost, or one of the Deans of the schools. In the event that a member anticipates being unable to serve for a year or more, a special election will be held to fill the position during the time s/he cannot serve. In the event that a member anticipates being unable to serve for less than a year, the Chairman of the University Faculty Council with the approval of the elected members of the Council will appoint someone to fill the position. Any member temporarily replaced by either election or appointment will resume his/her place on the Council upon return, if her/his term of office has not ended.

Paragraph (3.) under (a.) Organization currently reads:

No elected member of the University Faculty Council elected to a three-year term shall be eligible for a second term until two years have elapsed after the completion of his/her elected term of office. In no event shall any member serve more than five years consecutively.

Recommended revisions to paragraph (3.) of section (a.) Organization are indicated below with the changes underlined.

A member of the University Faculty Council elected to a three-year or shorter term shall be eligible for re-election to another three-year or shorter term. In no event, however, shall any member serve more than six years consecutively, and a member serving six consecutive years shall not be eligible for re-election until after two years have elapsed. A member who leaves Faculty Council after three years or less of service is eligible to serve again after one semester, and a member who leaves after more than three but less than six years of service is eligible to serve again after one year.