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To Jose Wudka, Chair Riverside Division
From: Ameae Walker, chair SOM executive committee
Re: Changes to bylaw 55, revised

The SOM executive committee reviewed the revised version of the proposed changes to bylaw 55 and this committee response was circulated for approval prior to submission.

While there is general support for the principle behind the changes to bylaw 55, without further clarification there are some concerns about implementation of the revised proposal. Proposed is separate recording of senate and non-senate votes in the department transmittal to the committee on academic personnel (CAP). However, it is unclear what this actually means in effect. If reported separately, how will CAP view the votes? For example, if a department has more non-senate than senate faculty, could the non-senate vote outweigh the senate vote? Also, one assumes the Chair would be required to address any discrepancy between the two votes, just as any minority opinion must be addressed now. How Chairs and CAP deal with the votes needs to be clarified in the document.