Present:

N4.1 There is an Executive Committee consisting of the Chair of the Faculty, ex officio; the Dean of the college, ex officio; the Associate Deans for Student Academic Affairs of the college, ex officio; fifteen members of the Faculty as provided in N4.1.1.; and student representatives as provided in N4.1.1.4. Student representatives and other Associate Deans of CNAS are non-voting members. An elected member of the executive committee is not eligible for immediate reelection unless he/she has completed a term of fewer than 18 months. Eligibility is reestablished after one year of non-service, with the following exception; if the member is elected to the position of chair of the faculty, the member may also be reelected to the executive committee. The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary-Parliamentarian of the faculty occupy corresponding offices in the Executive Committee. (Am 3 Feb 83)(Am 27 May 93)(Am 18 Nov 03)(Am 30 May 06)

N4.1.1 The elected membership of the committee shall include one member elected from each of the following departments: Biochemistry, Biology, Botany and Plant Sciences, Chemistry, Earth Sciences, Entomology, Mathematics, Nematology, Cell Biology and Neuroscience, Physics, Plant Pathology, Environmental Sciences, and Statistics. One member shall be elected from the undergraduate program in

Proposed:

N4.1 There is an Executive Committee consisting of the Chair of the Faculty, ex officio; the Dean of the college, ex officio; the Associate Dean of Undergraduate Advising (or equivalent title), ex officio; thirteen members of the Faculty as provided in N4.1.1.; and student representatives as provided in N4.1.1.4. Student representatives and all other Associate and Divisional Deans of CNAS are advisory (nonvoting) members. An elected member of the executive committee is not eligible for immediate reelection unless he/she has completed a term of fewer than 18 months. Eligibility is reestablished after one year of non-service, with the following exception; if the member is elected to the position of chair of the faculty, the member may also be reelected to the executive committee. The Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary-Parliamentarian of the faculty occupy corresponding offices in the Executive Committee. (Am 3 Feb 83)(Am 27 May 93)(Am 18 Nov 03)(Am 30 May 06) (Am 17, June 10)

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Biological Sciences. The first order of business of the Executive Committee after the biennial election of the Chair of the Faculty will be to determine whether the representation formula needs change and to recommend appropriately to the faculty.

N4.1.1.1 The term of office of the Chair of the Faculty is two years, elected in even years. The term of office of members of the Executive Committee is three years. The five members of the Executive Committee from the departments of Biology, Chemistry, Nematology, Cell Biology and Neuroscience and Environmental Sciences are elected in the same year; the four members of the Executive Committee from the departments of Earth Sciences, Physics, Plant Pathology and Statistics are elected in the same year; the five members of the Executive Committee from the undergraduate program in Biological sciences and the departments of Biochemistry, Botany and Plant Sciences, Entomology and Mathematics are elected in the same year. (Am 3 Feb 83)(Am 27 May 93)(Am 30 May 06)(Am 20 Nov 07)
Justification N4.1:
The plural “Associate Deans” in the existing bylaw is a potential source of confusion. Traditionally, only one Associate Dean has served as a full, voting member of the Committee. The proposed language guards against more future changes in the Associate Dean’s title, so that the bylaws need not be revised as frequently.

The current committee “headcount” of 15 is incorrect; it should be 14 based on the existing N4.1.1. If the proposed changes to N4.1.1 are adopted, the correct number is 13.

The term “advisory” is proposed to more clearly distinguish between voting and nonvoting members. The three “ex officio” members have full voting rights and privileges; their designation only reflects that their memberships are “automatic” because of other titles that they hold. The term ex officio has, in the past, also been used to delineate nonvoting members. The latter are better described as “advisory” (or consulting) members.

Justification N4.1.1 and N4.1.1.1:
In April 2008, there were two calls for nominations for the vacant, three-year term (2008-2011) for the Executive Committee representative from the Biological Sciences major, but none were received. There was a subsequent call for nominations from the floor at the CNAS Faculty meeting in May 2008, also without success. A memo was then sent to the Academic Senate Office stating that "Due to the re-organization of the Life Sciences Majors, this position is not being filled at this time. Bylaw changes pending."

When possible bylaw changes were discussed in 2008, the Associate Dean of Biological Sciences requested that no changes be made until the external Life Sciences Review was complete. That exercise is now complete. Moreover, the participating faculty in the Biological Sciences major recently voted to disestablish that major, thus minimizing (or eliminating) the justification for a major-specific member of the Executive Committee.

APPROVALS:

Approved by the Executive Committee of the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences: 5/18/10

Approved by the CNAS Faculty: 5/19/10

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction finds the wording to be consistent with the code of the Academic Senate: 6/07/10

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