

Resolution Proposing an Amendment to the University Senate Constitution

1 **Section I.** Be it Resolved by the Senate of Louisiana Tech University, by two-thirds of the
2 Senate concurring, that there shall be submitted to the faculty and staff of the University and the
3 University President for their approval or rejection in the manner provided in Article VI of the
4 Senate Constitution, the following proposed Amendments to the Senate Constitution:

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6 Article II, Section 2, Paragraph 3 to read as follows:

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8 3. Terms of Office:

9 Each University Senate member will be elected for a term of three years or to complete an
10 unexpired term. A University Senate representative may not be elected to succeed
11 himself/herself unless completing a term of two years or less.

12 A University Senate member serving as President or Vice President (~~President Elect~~) may
13 continue to serve beyond his/her original term of office; both of these offices are non-voting
14 positions.

15 When a Senator assumes the office of Vice President (~~President Elect~~) or President, his/her
16 constituent unit will declare a vacancy and must select a new voting Senator if any unexpired
17 portion of a term exists.

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1 Article III, Sections 1 through 2 to read as follows:

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3 **Section 1. Officers and Election:**

4 The officers of the University Senate shall be Past-President (non-voting), President (non-
5 voting), Vice President (non-voting), Parliamentarian, and Treasurer. All offices are subject to a
6 one-year-term. Elections shall be held at the last University Senate meeting of each spring for all
7 officers except Past-President with such terms of office to be effective July 1st. Any current
8 member of the Executive Committee, or any past member of the Executive Committee who is
9 currently serving as a Senator, may be a candidate to the Offices of President~~or Vice President.~~
10 Any Senate member may be a candidate to the Offices of Vice President, Parliamentarian or
11 Treasurer. ~~and President; the present Vice President will accede to the office of President. The~~
12 ~~terms of office to be effective July 1 shall be as follows: The Past President, President and Vice~~
13 ~~President, one year only; all others may succeed themselves to the extent that their elected~~
14 ~~University Senate terms allow. The President and Vice President may be re-elected to~~
15 subsequent one-year-terms of office, up to twice, for a total maximum of three consecutive terms
16 per office. Upon completion of a third consecutive term, the Any person vacating the office of
17 President may not be a candidate for the office of President or Vice President for the next three
18 elections. Upon completion of a third consecutive term, the Any person vacating the office of
19 Vice President may not be a candidate for the office of Vice President for the next three elections
20 but may be a candidate for President. The Parliamentarian and Treasurer may be re-elected to
21 subsequent one-year-terms of office to the extent their elected University Senate terms allow.
22 Upon the election of a new President, the Office of Past-President shall be filled by the out-going
23 President and shall serve as Past-President for one term only.

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Section 2. Duties:

The duties of the officers noted in Section 1 above will be those that normally pertain to the office held; the University Senate will arrange for competent secretarial assistance to fulfill the duties of Secretary. The University Senate Past-President will provide advice and assistance in the continuity of the jobs of President and Vice President; the University Senate President may appoint committees as he/she deems necessary to conduct the business of the University Senate; the Vice President shall perform those duties assigned by the President ~~and shall become prepared to assume the duties of President the following year.~~

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Section II. Be it further resolved that this proposed amendment shall be submitted to the faculty and staff of the University by written electronic ballot on [insert date] with such ballots required to be returned-concluded and recorded by the Secretary no later than [ten days later]. If the amendment receives a two-thirds vote by ballot of the faculty and staff voting thereon, it shall be submitted to the University President for his approval or rejection.

Section III. Be it further resolved that should this proposed amendment be adopted, the current Constitution as written shall sunset as follows: The currently serving Vice President (President-Elect) shall serve a term as President commencing July 1, 2015. The currently serving President shall serve a term as Past-President commencing July 1, 2015. At-Prior to the last University Senate meeting in Spring Quarter ~~May~~ of 2015, when elections are normally held, the following offices will be voted upon electronic balloting will be held for the offices of:- Vice President, Parliamentarian, and Treasurer. The officers so elected shall be subject to the provision of this amendment. At the last University Senate meeting in Spring Quarter of 2016, this amendment

- 1 shall be fully implemented and all offices shall be voted upon in accordance to the provisions
- 2 proposed herein.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE