

DATE: April 2, 2015

TO: Maximilian Seel
Provost & VP for Academic Affairs

FROM: Craig Waddell
Senate President

SUBJECT: Senate Proposal 31-15

COPIES: Glenn D. Mroz, President
Dale R. Tahtinen, Secretary of the Board of Control

At its meeting on April 1, 2015, the University Senate approved Proposal 31-15, "Amending Senate Policy 210.1, Board of Control Policy 4.8, and Tenured/Tenure-Track Faculty Handbook Section 8.2: Office of the Ombuds". The Senate looks forward to approval of this proposal by the administration. Please keep me informed about the decision of the administration on this proposal and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Declined in present form. Please see attached amendment.


Max J. Seel, Provost & VP for Academic Affairs

4/22/15
Date


Glenn D. Mroz, President

4/23/15
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31-15 cannot be approved without clarification outlined below.

Currently the proposal reads

Proposal 31-15 (revised 03-23-15)

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2. Proposal

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(Note: policy changes are in bold)

I believe the intent of the revision was to strike "one member elected by the Represented Staff" in the second paragraph instead of "one member elected by the Staff Council" in the first paragraph because it was pointed out by Senator Vable that the Ombuds office does not deal with grievances of represented staff.

Therefore, the proposal should read:

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