

Proposed Revisions to the *Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Manual*
 Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate
 University of South Carolina

Brief Title of Proposed Change	Two Year Term for Chair
Committee Proposing Revision	Executive
Date of Presentation to Senate	9/27/19
Senate Approval Date	11/8/19

Rationale for Proposed Revisions

- Serving as Senate chair is a very great responsibility. To improve continuity in the position, a chair currently must serve as chair-elect prior to their time as chair, and then as immediate past chair after. Even with this, the amount of time spent learning the role is currently far outweighing time spent executing it. In this motion, we move to improve stability by extending the term of the chair to two years, and to attach a course release to make this feasible for our faculty to execute.

Summary of Proposed Revisions

- We move to increase the Chair’s term to two years. This would make four years total on executive committee, with one year served as chair-elect and one year as immediate past chair.
- If the chair is unable to serve at a meeting, the meeting will be run by either the chair-elect, or by the immediate past chair, whichever office is filled at that time.
- We also move that the Chair shall be granted a course release (or course buyout) per semester during their time as chair (but not as vice-chair or as immediate past chair).
- We move that this change begin taking effect in Spring 2020, for the chair-elect who was already elected in Spring 2019.

Section and page numbers of the current *Manual* for proposed revisions

Change 1:

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Article III - Officers**

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