


Memorandum

To: Faculty Senate
Seton Hall University

From: Karen E. Boroff, Ph.D. 
Interim Provost and Executive Vice President

Re: *Faculty Guide* Article 10.1
2018-FS-09

Date: April 17, 2018

The Office of the Provost is in receipt of Faculty Senate's approval of a revision to Article 10.1 of the *Faculty Guide*. This revision was approved at the April 6, 2018 meeting of the Senate.

Currently, Article 10.1.a reads, "Department chairpersons are elected by majority vote of faculty members (including full-time tenured faculty members, probationary faculty, and faculty associates) who will be continuing employment at the university in the subsequent year. The proposed change is to include the positions of clinical faculty members and lecturers.

The proposed change reads, "Department chairs are elected by a majority vote of tenured faculty members, and probationary faculty members, full-time clinical faculty members, lecturers, and faculty associates who will be continuing employment at the university in the subsequent year unless otherwise specified in the department or college bylaws."

The contracts for clinical faculty and lecturers, like faculty associates, provide for multi-year appointments, and I agree that those who are continuing employment in any of those capacities should have the ability to vote on the chairperson. I would like to strike the conditional phrase, "unless otherwise specified in the department of college bylaws." The *Faculty Guide* specifically designates those who can vote for the department chair. In Article 3, it lays out the faculty member's rights to governance in the case of joint appointments. Therefore, the phrase "unless otherwise specified in the department of college bylaws" is unnecessary.

We agree to the wording, "Department chairpersons are elected by a majority vote of tenured faculty members, probationary faculty, and those faculty who will be continuing employment at the University in the subsequent year. These faculty include full-time clinical faculty members, lecturers, and faculty associates."