Proposed Amendment to the Eastern Oregon University Constitution Regarding Changes in Membership on Faculty Senate and University Council

Rationale for Change

In order to foster open communication between the Faculty Senate and University Council on pertinent issues of mutual and like concern, each body shall select a representative to attend all meetings of both the University Council and the Faculty Senate. The addition of the University Council representative to Faculty Senate provides reciprocity by balancing the existing functions of non-voting membership outlined in Article IV, Section 2a of the University Constitution.

Original Wording

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Proposed Changes (in red)

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