

FACULTY MEETING
December 2, 2011

MOTION

The Faculty Executive Committee moves that the following change to the Faculty Handbook (Part Two, II.F.11) be adopted:

Membership: Four faculty members, each representing one of the four Divisions of Disciplines [see Part Two, preamble], elected to serve three-year terms, and one library faculty member, appointed in consultation with the Director of the MALS Program and the College Librarian, to serve a three-year term; the Dean of Special Programs, the Dean of the Faculty or his/her designee, and the Director and Academic Advisor of the MALS Program.

Rationale

A robustly interdisciplinary perspective is crucial for MALS as it works with students from all disciplines in developing interdisciplinary curricular plans. MALS determines academic policies and procedures, guides students in degree work, and recommends faculty selection. To strengthen the quality and effectiveness of its guidance, MALS has asked FEC to change the election procedures for constituting its membership. If this motion is passed, the four faculty serving on MALS would represent the four divisions as outlined in the Division of Disciplines [see Part Two, preamble, page 201] that the faculty voted into the Handbook last year. This fair and equitable distribution of faculty responsibility to this committee will achieve better balance on MALS.

This change would not affect current MALS membership. Elections for new members would activate this change. Beginning in 2012, the disciplinary affiliations of current MALS members would begin to shape the call for those willing to serve on MALS.