

**Resolution Regarding SPF Representation in Senate  
Administrative Affairs Committee of the Faculty Senate  
May 2, 2017**

**Whereas**, according to 2015 data, the number of Special Professional Faculty (hereafter “SPF”) at Notre Dame is 361, or approximately 27% of the regular faculty; yet, current rules allow the SPF body only three senators (about 6% of the 54 Senate members);

**Whereas** SPFs are prohibited from serving as departmental representatives;

**Whereas** SPFs are substantially underrepresented relative to their size and importance to the university, which consigns SPFs to ancillary roles in their departments and dilutes their voice in significant ways;

**Whereas** First Year of Studies and the Writing Program consist entirely of SPFs, barring them from any Senate representation whatsoever unless they happen to obtain one of the three at-large positions;

**Whereas** the Senate wishes to avoid, on the one hand, over-representation of SPFs, and on the other hand, disproportionate service assignments for SPFs;

**Be it resolved**, the Senate asks that the Academic Articles Revision Committee amend the Academic Articles to:

- open departmental representation to associate and full SPFs, from departments with a significant proportion of special professional faculty, contingent upon approval of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate;
- increase SPF senators-at-large from three to five and encourage their election from a variety of schools, colleges, programs, institutes, and centers;
- add one senator from First Year of Studies;

**Be it further resolved**, upon revision of the Academic Articles, the Faculty Senate shall amend its Bylaws to reflect relevant changes.