

POLICY MEMORANDUM NO. 214

TO: All Staff
FROM: Charles W. Steger
DATE: September 6, 2001
SUBJECT: Revision to the Constitution of the Virginia Tech Staff Senate

Approved by the Staff Senate: February 17, 2000
Approved by University Council: May 7, 2001
Approved by the President: May 7, 2001
Effective: Immediately

The University Council, on recommendation of the Staff Senate, unanimously approved a resolution concerning the revision to the Constitution of the Virginia Tech Staff Senate, Article V Section D.

Following is the text of the resolution as adopted by University Council.

WHEREAS, the staff of Virginia Tech have expressed a desire to be allowed to elect Senators to more than two consecutive terms; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Tech Staff Senate having been made aware of this desire of the staff; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Tech Staff Senate Constitution prevents Senators from succeeding themselves more than once; and

WHEREAS, the principles of democracy demand that the people be allowed to freely express their choices in who will govern them; and,

WHEREAS, the Virginia Tech Staff Senate firmly believes that the right to limit terms properly belongs to the Senators' respective electorates;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Staff Senate of Virginia Tech be allowed to amend its Constitution, namely Article V section D. as follows:

D. A senator may be reelected but may not serve more than two consecutive terms. A Senator may be reelected. The respective Staff Associations may establish any limit on the number of terms that may be served. Under no circumstances shall the maximum number of terms be limited to less than two. There are no restrictions on serving as an alternate.

The Staff Senate Constitution may be reviewed at the following website:
<http://staffsenate.vt.edu/constitution/>

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