

Proposed Revisions to the *Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Manual*
 Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate
 University of South Carolina

Brief Title of Proposed Change	Making computation of the number of senators earlier
Committee Proposing Revision	Executive Committee
Date of Presentation to Senate	November 18, 2022
Senate Approval Date	February 10, 2023

Rationale for Proposed Revisions

- The current manual has the number of senators allotted to a campus computed at the beginning of Fall, based on the previous year’s Fall enrollment. But senators are usually elected in the Spring. Computing the number of senators before electing them makes more sense.

Summary of Proposed Revisions

- We move the timing of computing the number of senators up. We also change the wording of the enrollment figure used:

Section and page numbers of the current *Manual* for proposed revisions

Current	Proposed
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Each fall, the Palmetto College Campus Dean of each campus should recalculate the number of members of the Senate to which the campus is entitled and revise the number of vacancies to be filled. Elections to fill these vacancies (either new or unexpired terms) shall then be held in time to submit a full roster of Senators and Alternates to the Secretary of the Senate no later than the second Wednesday in September. The term of office of newly elected Senators and Alternates shall begin with the first Senate meeting of the academic year.

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