Section 22-43 Eligibility for Election to the Senate

A. Voting members of the faculty are eligible for election to the Senate. A faculty member's eligibility under this section is determined by the status to be held at the beginning of the Senate term, should she or he be elected.

B. A faculty member may be elected to an unlimited number of terms, except that a faculty member who has been elected to two three consecutive terms shall not be eligible for election to the next term.

Rationale: The goal of this proposal is to benefit from the institutional memory provided by senators who serve more than two consecutive two-year terms (4 consecutive years) while maintaining a reasonable influx of new members.

When the senate was restructured with 100 members eligible to serve two consecutive 2-year terms, we could count on having at least 25 new senators each year. Since then, the senate has grown to include more than 120 senators, so even in the extreme (and extremely unlikely) case where every senator serves 3 consecutive 2-year terms, we could benefit from the experience of some longer-serving senators while still ensuring the presence of at least 20 new senators every year.