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A BILL TO ALLOW PROXIES TO FILL TERMS WHEN SEATS ARE VACATED AND NO PERMANENT REPLACEMENT CAN BE FOUND

WHEREAS, Staff Senate seats become vacant from time to time, due to members leaving their positions, changing departments or their job changing; and

WHEREAS, some seats are a problem to fill; and

WHEREAS, some UW employees may be willing to fill a seat for a month or two; and

WHEREAS, some seats that have terms that are soon ending become vacant close to election time and are hard to fill for a few months; and

WHEREAS, there is no method provided in the University Regulations or the Rules of the University of Wyoming Staff Senate, hereafter referred to as the Rules, to fill these seats with a proxy until a replacement can be found; and

WHEREAS, some employment groups are underrepresented due to the open seats;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 6 of the Rules be amended to add part e which reads:

e. If there is no elected or appointed Senator for a seat, then a proxy from within that employment workgroup may serve to fill that seat for no more than six months, at which time the proxy must agree to serve the remainder of the term or vacate the seat. If an employee in the affected workgroup agrees to fill the seat permanently, the proxy must vacate the
seat, and the new Senator would then be appointed following the rules outlined in section 10 of the Rules. The proxy would have the voting privileges given elected and appointed Senators.

AND FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 9, part a, sentence 2: reading “To be eligible to serve as a proxy, the staff employee must have completed one year of service and be within the same employment group,” be amended to read: “To be eligible to serve as a proxy, the staff employee must have completed a total of one year of service and be within the same employment group.” The following sentence should be inserted before sentence 3: “Breaks in service of less than one year will not count toward the one year, but will not exclude the employee from serving.” The amended part a of section 9 will read: “A senator who must be absent from a meeting will be excused if he/she designates an eligible member to serve as his/her proxy with vote, or the absence is reviewed and approved by the Staff Senate Executive Council. To be eligible to serve as a proxy, the staff employee must have completed a total of one year of service and be within the same employment group. Breaks in service of less than one year will not count toward the one year, but will not exclude the employee from serving. Senators will inform the Staff Senate Office of their designee prior to any meeting. The Member-at-Large will work with Senators to establish a list of eligible proxies.”
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