Resolution to Revisit Amendments to Article VII of Policies of Board of Trustees

Whereas, the University Faculty Senate, via Resolution 171-03-1, passed on October 24, 2015, requested that the SUNY Board of Trustees make changes to Article VII of the Policies of the Board of Trustees regarding the position of Vice President/Secretary of the University Faculty Senate; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees approved the requested changes by resolution on January 12, 2016; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees approved final rule-making of the changes by resolution on March 14, 2016; and

Whereas, during discussion of the final rule-making during the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees on March 13, 2016, members of the Board asked the University Faculty Senate to consider using more common wording than “minor portion of a term” and to clarify whether it is the intent of the UFS that the Vice President/Secretary be a member without vote;

Therefore be it resolved that the University Faculty recommends to the Board of Trustees that Article VII, Title C of the Policies of the Board of Trustees be amended as indicated below, and

Be it further resolved that effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees the same changes are made to Article III, Section A of the University Faculty Senate Bylaws.

New York Codes, Rules and Regulations
Title 8 (Education Department), Sections 331.8 and 331.9 (Officers of the University Faculty Senate, State University of New York, Policies of the Board of Trustees)

331.8 President of the senate. Before July 1st of each odd-numbered year, the senate shall elect one of its elected members or the current vice president/secretary as President of the senate for a term of two years. Upon election as President of the senate, an elected member shall vacate the position as the representative of his or her unit in the senate. The President of the senate shall preside at all meetings of the senate and shall exercise such other powers and duties as may be vested in the President by this Part and the bylaws of the senate. The President shall be an ex officio member of all senate committees. The President of the senate may be reelected for a second term, but may not thereafter be eligible for a successive term
provided however that a President initially elected to fill less than half of a term arising from a vacancy is eligible to serve two additional successive full terms.

331.9 Vice President/Secretary. Before July 1st of each even-numbered year, the senate shall elect one of its elected members to serve as Vice President/Secretary for a term of two years. Upon election as Vice President/Secretary, the elected member shall vacate the position as representative of his or her unit in the senate and shall serve as a voting member of the senate. The vice president/secretary shall take and keep minutes of the senate and shall exercise such other powers and duties as the senate shall provide in its bylaws. The vice president/secretary shall serve as president of the senate during that officer’s absence or inability to act. The Vice President/Secretary of the senate may be reelected for a second term, but may not thereafter be eligible for a successive term provided however that a Vice President/Secretary initially elected to fill less than half of a term arising from a vacancy is eligible to serve two additional successive full terms.