

## **Resolution for Reconsideration of the Allocation of Senate Representation**

**Whereas** the University of Vermont is in the midst of a variety of conversations about how the university is organized; and

**Whereas** even while broad-scale university reorganization is unlikely in the near term, several units have proposed or enacted changes to the organizations of departments, including the creation of a larger Department of Education in CESS, the combination of Geography and Geology into a new department of Geography and Geophysical Sciences in CAS, the movement of Speech and Debate into the Department of English in CAS, the proposed School of the Arts in CAS; and

**Whereas** representation is determined by departments within units (CBL 2.3); and

**Whereas** the changes to departments have or will result in changes to Senate representation; and

**Whereas** Colleges and Schools determine their organization in ways that are not consistent across the University; and

**Whereas** the changes to departmental organization may inadvertently reduce faculty representation in the Senate,

**Therefore**, the Faculty Senate Executive Council shall appoint a study committee to consider the processes by which faculty representation is determined and allotted within the Senate. This study committee should bring a report back to the Executive Council and the full Senate no later than the October 2022 meeting so that it might consider changes to the bylaws in time for the 2023-2024 academic year.