As it stands now, the Constitution of the faculty Senate provides the following regulations about membership:

**Section 2. Members**

The Faculty Senate shall be constituted as follows:

1. **Permanent Members.**
   1. All faculty members with the rank of professor shall be permanent members. Appointment or promotion to the rank of professor confers permanent membership in the Faculty Senate. Permanent members shall be polled prior to the first meeting of each academic year to determine if they wish to be active members (one who states the intention to attend at least one-half of the regularly scheduled Senate meetings) during the year.
   2. The Dean of the College of General Studies shall be a voting member of the Faculty Senate.

2. **Elective Members.**
   1. Elective members of the Faculty Senate must be associate professors, assistant professors, instructors or adjunct faculty of the general faculty who have completed no less than one academic year of full-time employment at the University at the time of taking office.
   2. Associate professors shall be elected in the proportion of one member per five associate professors or fraction thereof in each faculty unit of the University. Associate professor Senate members shall be elected for three-year terms and shall take office at the first meeting following election.
   3. Assistant professors and instructors shall be elected in the proportion of one member per ten assistant professors and instructors or fraction thereof in each faculty unit of the University. Such members shall be elected for two-year terms and shall take office at the first meeting following election.
   4. One adjunct faculty member shall be elected from each faculty unit of the University to serve a one-year term.

In the section on permanent members, the possibility of high-ranking administrative officials being voting members of the Senate exists. This is contrary to common practice and the independence of the faculty Senate. Under the rules as they now stand a vice president, and specifically a Dean can be a voting member.

Therefore, in order to ensure the independence of the faculty Senate I suggest and so move that the appropriate committee of the Senate develop language which would limit the voting membership of the faculty Senate to those of the administrative rank of department head or equivalent and below and those with no administrative responsibilities.