

The Contingent Faculty Organizing Committee makes the following observations to the Faculty Senate:

1. Adjunct and visiting faculty teach roughly 50% of DU classes.
2. Currently, only 1 faculty senator out of approximately 80 is an adjunct or visiting faculty member.
3. No mechanisms currently exist to ensure representation of adjunct and visiting faculty in the senate.
4. With roughly 20% of senate seats reserved for adjunct and visiting faculty, we will still be underrepresented in the senate, but less so.
5. The election procedures for existing seats will remain unchanged, although units are encouraged to consider adjunct and visiting faculty for these seats in order to redress our underrepresentation further.

Therefore, in the interest of genuine faculty governance and recognizing the value adjuncts and visitors add to the university, the Faculty Senate resolves:

1. 20 new seats will be added to the senate and reserved for adjunct and visiting faculty to start annual terms as senators in 2021-22.
2. Any adjunct or visiting faculty who has taught at least three courses in the preceding 12 months and is currently teaching is eligible to run for these seats.
3. Adjunct or visiting faculty who fulfill this condition and wish to run will identify themselves to the Faculty Senate President and/or Chair of the Nominations and Rules Committee before the last Senate meeting of the year.
4. All faculty of all employment categories at the time of the last Senate meeting of the year will be invited to vote for the list of adjunct and visiting faculty senators for the next year.
5. Through ranked choice voting, 20 members of Senate for the following year will be elected.
6. If fewer than 20 adjunct and visiting faculty members run for seats, the remaining reserved seats will remain empty.