Chair policy recommendations

4.13 Chair Policy and Procedures

This policy was last revised November 15, 2011. Since then the role of NTT faculty has changed. Some department across campus currently have, or recently had, NTT faculty serving in Department Chair roles. The language regarding eligibility no longer aligns with the reality of updated faculty positions.

Current policy on eligibility

4.13.1.C Eligibility for Chair

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Draft updated language regarding eligibility

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Rationale

According to University policy, no such rank exists (i.e., "less than assistant professor"). It is assumed that this language referred to NTT faculty in general. Additionally, because the electorate already vote to choose a chair, a provision for the electorate to limit eligibility is redundant and not productive.