

“The second one is approval of a proposal for the academic title of Research Professor by the College of Human Ecology. Been told there's an objection. Professor Brown. Professor Brown is objecting.

“I will allot five minutes for this item, and two minutes to Professor Brown to state what the objection is, two minutes to Professor Dunifon from Human Ecology to respond, and then I will call for a vote on this item. Professor Brown. I should say I will take that time from the last few items on the agenda.

“Professor Brown.”

Professor Dan Brown, Department of Animal Science: “That one item that I thought would be worth discussing is there's a language on what type of criteria applied to exceed the percentage limit for non-tenurable faculty, I guess, and it gives detailed and reasonable reasons. The problem is that it doesn't say then who makes the decision.

“Now, I'm assuming that -- it says if the case is made for -- that case is made to the faculty of the College of Human Ecology, and put before them for a vote and this body for ratification for the exception, but it's not written in there. The way it's written, certainly not the current one, but a future administration could claim they will make the call, whether the case has been made. So I think it would be tidied up a bit if it said explicitly who it was that decided that exceeding the limits was justifiable.”

Speaker Lewenstein: “Thank you.”

Professor Rachel Dunifon, Associate Dean for Research and Outreach in Human Ecology: “Thank you for the comment. So we use the same language for percentage limitation that's in the enabling legislation for this position, so we don't anticipate going above the 10% limit, which is what is in the enabling legislation; but we also included the same language in terms of conditions under which exceeding that limitation could be permitted. So I think we're consistent with what the intent of the original legislation was.

Professor Mike Thonney, Department of Animal Science: “When was the consent item posted on the web site?”

Professor Dunifon: “It was posted on March 9th.”

Speaker Lewenstein: “Professor Brown, you want -- come to the microphone, please.”

Professor Brown: "There's a number of other versions of this where the language is vague, but I think it really needs to be nailed down, both on this and amending the other ones. Otherwise, we have the criteria and everything; but we still, I think, need to have in the legislation who makes the last call and whether the exceeding the limits are justified or not. It would be really handy."

Professor Dunifon: "So I think in that case, the entire enabling legislation would need to be changed and each college would need to respond to that equally."

Professor Brown: "Each college is allowed to have any type of legislation they want. They do not have to follow the enabling legislation. The CALS one is quite different. It also lacks some clarity here and there; but no, you don't have to follow the enabling legislation by being as vague."

"You can, if you choose, nail it down specifically. And I think would be in the interest of the College of Human Ecology if they did. Otherwise, they might have somebody making the decision 10, 20 years from now they don't want."

Professor Dunifon: "It's just not a requirement currently in the enabling legislation."

Speaker Lewenstein: "So the item's for approval of the senate, we've heard an objection to unanimous consent, we've had a discussion about it. I'm going to ask for a vote on approval of the item, approval of the proposal for the academic title. All in favor of approving, please raise your hands."

"All opposed?"

"I count significantly more votes in favor, and so I declare the item approved."