

Proposed Revisions to the Faculty Senate Bylaws

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The bolded and shaded text indicates proposed additions and the shaded strike-through text indicates proposed deletions.

ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Sec. 2. Duties. Paragraph 2. Senate President: Shall be the elected representative of the University Faculty in matters pertaining to the Faculty and Faculty Senate. Shall be the senior officer and spokesperson for adopted policy of the Faculty Senate and Faculty. Shall preside at meetings of the Faculty Senate and its Executive Committee. Shall represent the Senate and Faculty in discussions with the Oregon State University administration. Shall represent the Senate and Faculty in discussions with the OSU Board of Trustees, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), the State Legislature, the media, and other organized groups outside the University. Shall represent the Faculty Senate on various university level committees. Shall determine agendas for meetings of the Executive Committee, and shall, **in consultation** with the **Senate President-Elect, Immediate Past Senate President and the** Executive Committee, ~~in establishing~~ **as** for meetings of the Faculty Senate. Shall serve as an Ex-Officio voting member of the Executive Committee. Shall administer the office of the Faculty Senate and oversee retention of the records of the Senate. Shall appoint three faculty members to serve on the Promotion & Tenure Dossier Summary Review Committee (as referenced in the Promotion and Tenure Guidelines in the Faculty Handbook), as needed; the Senate President shall ordinarily be one of the three members and shall ordinarily serve as chair. Shall serve as chair of the Faculty Consultative Group.

Sec. 2. Duties. Paragraph 3. Senate President-Elect: Shall represent the Senate and Faculty in the absence of the Senate President or by request of that officer. Shall preside at meetings of the Faculty Senate and the Executive Committee in the absence of the Senate President upon request. Shall, with the Senate President, **Immediate Past Senate President** and the Executive Committee, establish agendas for meetings of the Faculty Senate. Shall serve as an Ex-Officio voting member of the Executive Committee. Shall serve as Chair of each "Faculty Forum" session, unless this duty is otherwise delegated. Shall serve as vice-chair of the Faculty Consultative Group. Shall be sufficiently involved in the workings of the Senate to prepare adequately for future duties as President.

Sec. 2. Duties Paragraph 4. Immediate Past Senate President: Shall, with the Senate President, Senate President-Elect and the Executive Committee, establish agendas **as** for meetings of the Faculty Senate. Shall serve as an Ex-Officio voting member of the Executive Committee. Shall represent the Faculty Senate on various university level committees. Shall represent the Senate and Faculty by request of the Senate President. Shall perform the functions of the office of President-Elect in the event of a

vacancy in that position from the time the vacancy occurs to when a new President-Elect is installed. **Shall preside over the Past President's Council.**

Rationale: This is a housekeeping revision to recognize the leadership role of the Immediate Past Senate President in the Past President's Council. The revisions also clarify and align the verbiage in all three paragraphs to indicate that the Senate President, Senate President-Elect and Immediate Past Senate President are all responsible, with the Executive Committee, to establish agendas for Faculty Senate meetings.

ARTICLE VIII: INTERINSTITUTIONAL FACULTY SENATE

Sec. 2. Duties. IFS Senators are the representatives of the OSU Faculty in matters that cross institutional lines. IFS Senators shall be responsible for seeking opinions of the OSU Faculty and the OSU Faculty Senate as a body. **An IFS Senator whose term in the Senate has expired shall be an Ex-Officio, voting member of the Faculty Senate.** The senior IFS Senator shall serve as an Ex-Officio, voting member of the Executive Committee.

Rationale: This is a housekeeping revision to make the verbiage referring to IFS Senators consistent in both Articles IV, Sec. 3. and VIII, Sec. 2.

Sec. 5., Paragraph 2. Vacancies. Vacancies in elected positions shall be filled for the period to complete the term at the discretion of the Executive Committee by the candidate who, in descending order, received the next highest number of votes in the most recent election. **If no candidates remain on the list, the Executive Committee is authorized to appoint a faculty member of their choice to fill the remainder of the position's term.** However, if a vacancy results in an uncompleted term of less than one calendar year, the Executive Committee shall have the authority to appoint a faculty member of their choice to fulfill that term.

Rationale: This is a housekeeping revision to indicate how a replacement would be determined if no candidates were available from the most recent election.

ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Sec. 2. Responsibility: Remove 'Baccalaureate Core' in the shaded box under 'a. Standing Committees' and replace with 'Core Education.'

Rationale: Housekeeping revision – this should have been revised when the Core Education Committee replaced the Baccalaureate Core Committee.

Sec. 3. General Provisions. Unless otherwise provided for in the Standing Rules of the Faculty Senate, (a) the tenure of Faculty members of the standing committees and councils shall be for terms of **up to** three years, **typically** starting on July 1, with approximately one-third retiring each year; and ...

Rationale: Due to resignations, it is sometimes necessary to appoint members for less than a three-year term. The revised verbiage is intended to be more in line with realistic expectations.

ARTICLE X: MEETINGS

Sec. 3, paragraph 2. The regular meetings of the Faculty Senate, excluding Executive and Faculty Meetings, shall be open to anyone who desires to attend. The President of the Associated Students of Oregon State University **and the President of the Associated Students of Cascades Campus**, or a properly designated representative **for each**, shall have the right of a member of the Senate to participate in debate. Members of Faculty Senate committees and councils, administrative personnel of the University, and other resource persons invited to a meeting by the Executive Committee shall be given permission to address the Senate unless an objection is raised and sustained by a majority vote. The Senate President may ban the use of equipment which disturbs the conduct of the meeting.

Rationale: To clarify that both the ASOSU and ASCC Student Body Presidents may participate in debate during Faculty Senate meetings.

ARTICLE XV: COMMUNICATIONS

Sec. 1. Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda. The Agenda, ~~in descriptive form with prominent display~~, shall be submitted for dissemination in a university or Faculty Senate publication issued prior to the meeting to which the Agenda pertains.

Sec. 4. Means of Communication. In addition to various informal means, elected members of the Faculty Senate shall use systematic means for communication with their constituents. Undoubtedly, these means will vary but, where applicable, the following ones, or combinations of them, are recommended: (a) Faculty Senate members may have a place on the agenda of regularly called college meetings; (b) Faculty Senate members may have a place on the agenda of regularly called departmental or unit meetings; (c) Faculty Senate members may organize called meetings of their constituents at suitable times and in suitable forms for the purpose of discussing Faculty Senate business; ~~(d) Faculty Senate members shall have the use of facilities, or means with which to obtain facilities, by which they can get into contact with their constituents. These facilities might include: assistance in preparation and mailing of notices, telephoning constituents, analyzing and preparing reports based on mail polls, and~~ (d) Faculty Senate **members** may utilize mailing lists created and maintained by the Faculty Senate Office for **the purpose of communicating with** their respective constituents for Faculty Senate-related issues; **and (e) Faculty Senate members shall have the use of unit resources by which they may communicate with their constituents.** These **unit facilities resources** might include: ~~assistance in preparation and mailing of notices, telephoning~~ **contacting** constituents, analyzing and preparing reports based on **surveys** mail polls, **and so on**.

Rationale – Sec. 1.: Housekeeping revision to remove outdated language.

Rationale – Sec. 4.: Housekeeping revisions – eliminates and updates outdated language and changed ‘Faculty Senators’ to ‘Faculty Senate members’ in (d) to be consistent with other references in this section.

ARTICLE XVI: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Sec. 1. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the Faculty Senate and Faculty Senate committees, councils, and task forces, etc., in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws.

Rationale: To broaden the types of groups that may be appointed by the Faculty Senate rather than restrict it to just three types.