

Faculty Senate Constitution

April meeting, by secret ballot. The Nominating Committee shall prepare the slate of candidates for the March meeting and ballots at the April meeting. The newly elected officers shall assume their duties immediately after the adjournment of the April meeting.

Section 5. Vacancies

Special Electoral Committee to elect an eligible member of the Senate to fill the unexpired term of the Executive Officer or Secretary shall be composed of the chairpersons of the permanent Senate committees. Upon notification of a vacancy in the office of Executive Officer or Secretary, the chairperson of the Committee on Committees shall forthwith convene the Special Electoral Committee and shall preside.

ARTICLE IV. SENATE COMMITTEES

Section 1. Committees

A. The following shall be the permanent committees of the Senate: the Executive Committee, the Committee on Committees, the Ways and Means Committee, the Academic Planning and Development Committee, the Governmental Concerns Committee, the Faculty Senate-Faculty Advisory Council Committee, and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

B. Special committees are temporary committees to serve the Senate in matters of a special nature or in any other way desired by the Senate for information or action. Such committees and their chairpersons shall be appointed by the Executive Officer and attempt to ensure representation from each faculty unit where appropriate. These special committees shall be dissolved immediately upon completion of their charge.

Section 2. Committee on Committees

A. In the event of a vacancy on a permanent Senate committee, the Committee on Committees shall present to the Senators of the unrepresented faculty unit at least two candidates from the respective unit for election to the committee. The Committee on Committees shall prepare slates of nominees for membership on certain University committees as specified in Article V of this constitution and for membership on other University committees as requested by the President.

B. The Committee on Committees shall consist of one permanent member of the Senate from each faculty unit and three additional members from the elective members of the Senate. Permanent members shall be elected by the permanent members of the respective faculty units and shall serve three-year staggered terms. Elective members shall be elected by the elective members of the Senate and shall serve one-year terms. No member of the Committee on Committees may serve on another permanent committee of the Senate.

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C. The chairperson shall be elected by the Committee from among those permanent members who have served on the committee at least one year.

Section 3. Ways and Means Committee

A. The Ways and Means Committee of the Senate shall serve the Senate as liaison committee to University committees. Its function is that of mediator in differences of opinion in policy between the Senate and the University committees. It shall present to the Senate recommendations for solutions of policy differences. Twice each year (at the January and April meetings) the committee shall report to the Senate on the status of University actions in response to resolutions passed by the Senate during the previous half year or, when appropriate, during the previous year. The committee shall also be assigned those tasks which the Executive Officer deems advisable.

B. The committee shall consist of one Senate member from each faculty unit. Members shall be elected by the Senators from the respective unit. Members shall serve staggered three-year terms.

C. The chairperson shall be elected by committee members from among those members who have served on the committee for at least one year.

Section 4. Academic Planning and Development Committee

A. The Academic Planning and Development Committee shall present to the Senate for recommendation to the President plans for the development of the academic stature, the areas of emphasis, and the direction of the University. These plans should include immediate goals as well as long-range goals.

B. The committee shall consist of one member from each faculty unit. Members shall be elected by the Senators from the respective unit.

C. The chairperson shall be elected by the committee from among those members who have served on the committee for at least one year.

Section 5. Governmental Concerns Committee

A. The Governmental Concerns Committee shall call to the attention of the Senate issues pending before governmental bodies which affect higher education and shall furnish the Senate with information necessary to understanding such issues.

B. The committee shall consist of one member from each faculty unit. Members shall be elected by the Senators from the respective unit and shall serve staggered three- year terms.

C. The chairperson shall be elected by the committee from among its members.

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