Current Issues

Possible Items of Consideration for this Committee

The committee will determine its own agenda, but the Faculty Senate Executive Committee has identified some issues that it may wish to consider.

• Address and facilitate faculty governance within colleges

• Offer assistance in streamlining joint committees and addressing committee jurisdictional overlap

• Develop a mentoring program for new Faculty Senators

Senate Committees

Each committee has:

• 6 faculty senators, one of whom shall serve as chairperson. All serve for their three years on the Senate. Chairs serve for two years.

• 2 students, one undergraduate and one graduate student. Students serve for one year and may be appointed to a second term.

• Committee chairs may ask the administration to make available administrators or staff whose expertise is aligned with the work of the committees to act as liaisons as needed. Liaisons are not committee members.

• Committee chairs may also ask faculty not in the Senate to serve as non-voting advisors as needed.

-See By-Laws: 4.13 – 4.17

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Service and Community Life

Reference brochure
Duties of the Committee

The duties for this committee are laid out in the By-Laws, section 4.60 – 4.64:

• review and report on practices of faculty governance University-wide and within colleges
• offer training on best practices of faculty governance
• create and administer mentor programs for new Faculty Senators
• make recommendations concerning areas affective the work environment such as transportation and accessibility
• recommend policies that could assist in faculty retention

• create, support and promote events that foster a sense of campus culture, including a sense of unity among campuses
• provide opportunities for interdisciplinary networking across campuses
• examine the meaning of a diverse community, including students and faculty interacting online
• promote efforts to be of service to the wider community, to one another, and to our students

Calendar

By-Laws Expectations:

The Committee shall provide a brief informational report at the October meeting to the Faculty Senate outlining its goal(s) for the coming year.

Meet at least once a month

Report to Faculty Senate in March:
Include a review of current initiatives, polices and practices as well as recommendations for future improvements