Duties of the Committee

The duties for this committee are laid out in the By-Laws, section 4.50 – 4.51:

Contribute to the development and maintenance of the strategic plan with Information Technology Services:

• Software acquisition and configuration planning for research and teaching
• Technology hardware and software configuration and infrastructure in the classrooms
• Technology and support for research and teaching
• Software and technology for support of faculty
• Networking infrastructure planning
• Big data and high-performance computing planning.

• Review and make policy recommendations regarding the implications on:
  • Academic planning
  • Research planning
  • Standards
  • Services
  • Physical facilities
  • Allocation of resources

On all matters pertaining to information technology, infrastructure, computing, communications, and networking

Calendar

By-Laws Expectations:
Meet at least once a month

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

Report to Faculty Senate in February:
Include a review of current initiatives, policies and practices as well as recommendations for future improvements.
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 you may wish to consider.

- Future of course management software at URI
- Technology resources for teaching
- Technology and implications for research
- Cloud computing resources for faculty and students
- Security implications and impacts on teaching and research.
- Network infrastructure
- Financial and administrative technology implications for faculty.

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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FACULTY SENATE MEETINGS 2018–2019

Faculty Senate Meetings are scheduled at 3 to 5 pm in the Beaufre Center for Chemical and Forensics Sciences, Room 105 on the following Thursdays:

- September 20, 2018
- October 18, 2018
- November 15, 2018
- December 6, 2018
- January 24, 2019
- February 21, 2019
- March 21, 2019
- April 18, 2019
- May 2, 2019 – organizational meeting of the 2019-2020 Faculty Senate
ABOUT THE FACULTY SENATE

Academic responsibility at URI is delegated to the President and a Committee of the Faculty through RI General Law §16-32-10. With the concurrence of the President, the Faculty Senate has the ultimate authority to formulate policy concerning teaching and research, study, exercise, discipline and government; for example, academic standards, the University calendar, both graduate and undergraduate University-wide curriculum matters, and research and patent policy (University Manual Appendix B: Constitution of the Faculty Senate, Article II).

Senators are elected to three-year terms with a ratio of one Senator elected for each 10-full-time tenure track faculty members. More information is available at The Constitution of the Faculty Senate: [web.uri.edu/Manual](http://web.uri.edu/Manual).

IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS OF THE FACULTY SENATE

The University of Rhode Island Faculty Senate has oversight of the University Manual, which contains the rules and regulations that govern faculty and students. To facilitate its charge, the Faculty Senate is composed of an Executive Committee, six standing Committees and ad hoc committees as needed. Senators also serve on joint committees of the Faculty Senate and the President.

**Standing Committees of the Faculty Senate:**

1. Curriculum and Standards Committee
   - General Education Subcommittee
   - Academic Calendar Subcommittee
2. Committee for Research and Creative Activities
   - Competitive Grants Subcommittee
   - Center Review Subcommittee
3. Committee on Technology and Infrastructure
4. Constitution, By-laws, and University Manual Committee
5. Service and Community Life Committee
6. Teaching, Advising, and Assessment Committee

Visit [web.uri.edu/FACSEN](http://web.uri.edu/FACSEN) for more in-depth information on the Faculty Senate and Faculty Senate committees.

**The Annual Sheila Black Grubman Faculty Outstanding Service Award**

The Office of the Provost and the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate jointly sponsor the Sheila Black Grubman Faculty Outstanding Service Award. Peer nominated, the award is made to a member of the URI Faculty who has consistently dedicated time, thought, and energy and has made important contributions serving on the Faculty Senate, committees, task forces, working groups, or through other activities that promote the interests of the University and University community.

More information on the Sheila Black Grubman Outstanding Service Award can be found at [web.uri.edu/facsen/the-sheila-black-grubman-faculty-outstanding-service-award](http://web.uri.edu/facsen/the-sheila-black-grubman-faculty-outstanding-service-award).