

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.

- Work together with the Center Review Subcommittee of the Research and Creative Activities Committee in order to update the list of and manual language for all centers, institutes and like organizations on campus
- Approach units responsible for University Manual changes and follow the progress of these changes [see University Manual 11.10.14]

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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Duties of the Committee

The duties for this committee are laid out in the By-Laws, section 4.70:

- Review the operation of University governance
- Propose changes in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Faculty Senate and in the University Manual
- Review proposals for changes in University governance from whatever source and make recommendations concerning them to the Faculty Senate and to other appropriate bodies and individuals
- Review University Manual sections and make recommendations for revision or removal of obsolete sections.

- Construe the meaning of the Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual upon the request of the Senate Chairperson or Executive Committee, any senator or member of the University faculty, or the President
- Assure that all duly approved changes are incorporated into the Constitution and By-Laws and into the University Manual, and that no unauthorized changes are made in these instruments
- Assure that the language of all duly approved changes is consistent with the style, format and arrangement of the Constitution and By-Laws and of the University Manual

Calendar

By-Laws Expectations

It is expected that this committee will meet at least once a month and that it will report to the Faculty Senate in any month this committee has recommendations for changes to the Constitution, By-laws and University Manual.

Although online meetings are permissible with this committee, the requirement for close attention to detail and careful language would tend to indicate that meeting face-to-face at least once a semester would be advisable.

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