

# 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.

- Review and recommend best practices of faculty governance within colleges
- Develop a mentoring program for new Faculty Senators
- Develop a campus climate survey to measure campus culture, community, satisfaction, and quality of life and perceptions of support of teaching, research, service, innovation, etc. The results can be used to identify strengths and areas for improvement.
- Offer assistance in streamlining joint committees and addressing committee jurisdictional overlap

# 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 affecting the work environment such as transportation, accessibility, and quality of life
- 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, policies and practices as well as recommendations for future improvements