Quadrennial Review Committee

The General Faculty last approved revisions to the Constitution and By-laws on April X 2013. Article VI of the Constitution and By-laws (which can be found at http://policy.wright.edu/policy/2010-faculty-constitution) reads "This Constitution shall be reviewed at least every four years by an ad hoc committee nominated by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate. The committee shall submit a report with recommendations to Executive Committee. The Faculty Senate shall appoint such a committee at least every fourth year, starting in the year 2017." The Executive Committee is asking that you begin the review process early, so as to have an approved and updated version of the Constitution in effect by the start of AY 2017-18 in preparation for a new presidential administration of Wright State University, and in light of the need for a number of changes including (but not limited to):

- establishing a clear and equitable procedure for addressing petitions calling for votes of confidence in university administrators;
- incorporating clarifications and considering of changes that have been recorded as notes on QR from the Executive Committee and accumulated within the Faculty Office;
- clarifying the language defining Membership of the Faculty (Article II.1) in light of the fact that "fully affiliated" is a term not used elsewhere in the university;
- establishing new standing committees or subcommittees from ad hoc committees as recommended by the Senate (e.g. IEAC International Education Advisory Committee);
- removing existing standing committees or subcommittees (e.g. the Faculty Affairs Committee, as recommended by the QR in 2013 pending the NTE CBA) or realigning these to serve an identified purpose(e.g. serving needs of nonbargaining unit faculty in SoPP, CoNH, BSoM, etc., and department chairs, as recommended by the ad hoc Policies Review Committee in 2014-15)
- recommending updates to the duties and memberships of the standing and executive committees of the Senate as needed
- clarifying the relationship of the Senate to the various Councils and reorganizing the Research Council as recommended in the Report of the Select Committee on Research Initiatives in 2016; establishing a process for replacing a Faculty Vice-President who is unable to serve.

The Committee should complete its review and submit recommendations to the Senate in time for its March 2017 meeting.