

Quadrennial Review Committee Report

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Based on the February 9, 2017 meeting, we came to the following recommendations about the various proposal submitted for review. The following is an itemization of all considered items, with decisions to change, maintain or table, as well as inquiries for Faculty Senate to consider.

After that is a list of proposed changes to the constitution, the location of those changes in the constitution, and the rationale behind the changes.

1. Establishing Clear and equitable procedure for addressing petitions calling for votes of confidence.

Recommendation: Add text of guidelines approves 12/2016 to constitution as Attachment B.

2. Clarify language defining fully affiliated faculty

Recommendation: Table- leave it for now; await CBA and result of movement on chair disenfranchisement

3. Add New Committees and Drop old committees

Recommendations:

- a. **Recommendation from Library Task Force that there be a Faculty Advisory Committee, and a regular review of the library and its activities: since this will be an ad hoc committee for the time being, it does not need to be added to the Constitution.**
- b. The committee noted that adds and drops are the purview of the Executive Committee (under III.7.C.2), and thus did feel independently positioned to propose adds/drops.

4. Review Standing and Exec Cttee Duties and Membership

Recommendations:

- a. Change Undergraduate Student Success Committee Charge as proposed.
- b. Add suggested membership for a representative from SGA and the University Undergraduate Academic Adviser Committee
- c. Determined that UCC course attributes are still the same, so no changes necessary

- d. UAPC: Recommend removal of discussion that Faculty VP shall represent his/her college, noting it is not mentioned in other committees
- e. CRC: clarify what is meant by “periodic review” (suggest quadrennial)
- f. Faculty Affairs: recommend specifying how many individuals to serve (recommend at least one member)
- g. For consistency, recommend FAC “excluding SOM and SOPP” be dropped or applied equally to all committees, or otherwise clarified why this exclusion applies only in FAC
- h. Clarify what is meant by faculty members “not represented by the bargaining agreement”: So, not deans or adjuncts? Other Non-union faculty? (med school)
- i. Undergraduate Student Petitions cttee: clarifying “alternate representation” as ready to stand-in for absent regular members
- j. Consider if you want accountability on attendance in cttees commensurate to the faculty senate III.6.c.2

5. Clarifying Relationship of Faculty Senate to Research Council and other Councils

Recommendations:

- a. Roll Call vote: body should adopt a rule fixing a size of a minority that can call for a roll call vote:
Section 6. Conduct of Meetings
C. [add sentence on roll call vote] A request for a roll call vote must have the assent of no fewer than one fifth of those Senators present.
- b. Ohio Faculty Council and WSU relationship:
 - (a) delete Article 2, Section B, Subsection 7 [Vice President serves as member of OFC]
 - (b) replace with new section 7.D.3. “3. Designate one member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to serve (along with the Faculty President) as representative to the Ohio Faculty Council and another member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee to serve as an alternate member of the Ohio Faculty Council.”
- c. We have noted that No bylaws exist and the Status of council ambiguous since it has been reorganized.
- d. Faculty senate supposed to receive periodic reports, but it is not clear how frequent or regular the reports should be. When is reporting on summer activities expected? How soon after meetings should reports be expected? (Grad Council precedent of 10 days)

6. Establish Process for Replacing a Faculty Vice President who is unable to serve.

Recommendations:

- a. Article II, Section 2. Election of the Faculty Vice-President, Item d should have a change: “If the Vice President is unable to serve, a special election shall be held to fill the remainder of the term.

7. Presidential Elections

Recommendation: change Attachment A to include at Item 4 this language as a new final sentence: “A nominee cannot seek both the office of President and Vice President, but a candidate for either office may also run at the same time for a Faculty Senate seat.”

8. Vice President listed ex-officio appropriately throughout

Recommendations:

- a. Faculty Budget Priority Committee: Article II, Section 2, Item B, Part 6: modify to add “Faculty Budget Priority Committee and the” between “member of the” and “Buildings and Grounds...”
- b. Building and Grounds: Article III, Section 8. Standing and Administrative Committees of the Faculty Senate, Item C, Part 7, Element B: add Vice-President as one of the *ex-officio* members.

9. Election guidelines – correct Constitution on procedure for obtaining names

Recommendations:

- a. The order of action on elections in Article II, Section 3, §end. The first two elements “Faculty President determines...” and “Faculty Office secures...” need to be reversed.
- b. the issue over when the election results are announced and election of College representative on EC. Article II, Section 3, § end indicates “Twelfth Week of Spring Semester” for announcement of election results, while Article III, Section 7, Part A, element 3 indicates that the college elections cannot always happen by April 1 if the overall election is not concluded by week twelve. Needs provide enough time to faculty to chose which senator will be on the EC; suggest 12th and 13th week, with consideration of other options
- c. The Union has proposed a revision to Article 10 (Faculty Involvement in Governance). It specifically removes department chairs from the list of fully-affiliated faculty for purposes of serving on the Faculty Senate. If this is adopted in the new contract, it will have several implications.

(a) Fully 9% of the existing faculty will no longer have the right to vote for Faculty Senate or serve on Faculty Senate for the duration of their time as administrator, and 2 years after.

(b) It will require a revision to the Faculty Constitution to address this disenfranchisement (are chairs-and-above fully-affiliated?)(What about full time faculty serving as administrators in adjacent units such as Honors?) and the need to address how faculty serving as administrators can participate in Senate-created committees.

(c) It will require a review of whether redefinition of “fully-affiliated” will result in contraction of Senate by four seats, and whether a faculty member returns to “fully-affiliated” status immediately upon exit as administrator, or must wait two years.

Respectfully submitted March 10, 2017

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