

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 3

Section 3. THE SENATE POLICY COUNCILS.

Deleted:

Five Senate Policy Councils are charged with ensuring faculty participation in shared governance in their assigned areas.

The Policy Councils are:

- (1) Academic Policy, Curriculum and Structure
- (2) Academic Freedom, Faculty Quality and Faculty Welfare
- (3) Academic Planning, Budgeting and Resource Allocation
- (4) Research and Scholarship
- (5) Academic Infrastructure and Support

A. Relation of Policy Councils to other committees: Certain Senate Committees and Joint Committees are assigned to each Senate Policy Council as “Contributing Committees” or “Related Committees” as outlined in the Senate By-laws. Contributing Committees have charges of central importance to the work of that Council. Related Committees have charges of peripheral concern to the Council or operate in areas over which faculty governance responsibility is highly limited. Presidential Committees, as well as Senate and Joint committees, may also be assigned to Councils as Related Committees. A Committee may be assigned to one Council as a Contributing Committee and to one or more as a Related Committee.

B. Membership of Councils: ~~Each Senate Policy Council includes the chair of such Contributing Committees, or if the committee is not chaired by an elected faculty member, the committee’s faculty representative to the Council is elected by the faculty members on the committee. Each Council will also have members elected by and from the Faculty Senate who are not otherwise serving on a Council. These elected members will be equal in number to one more than the number of other voting Council members. One voting~~ Voting members of each Council shall consist of six (6) members elected by the Senate from the Senate membership, one member will be appointed by the President or the President’s designee, and the Chairperson of each Contributing Committee. If the Chairperson of a Contributing Committee is not an elected faculty member, then a faculty member will be elected to serve on the Council by the faculty members of the Committee. The Chairs of Related Committees to a Council are shall serve as non-voting members of those Councils with the right to propose inquiries and other actions.

Council members elected by the Senate serve three-year staggered terms. If an elected Council member’s Senate term expires before the Council term, the member will continue to serve on the Council until the end of the three-year Council term. Members of each Council are elected to one year, repeatable terms each September.

C. Chair: Each Policy Council elects its own Chair, who serves on the Senate Steering Committee for a one year, repeatable term.

D. Election of members:

Nominations in AY 2004-2005: Nominations for the election of members of each Council must be made before December 10, 2004, and elections will be held December 16, 2004 to January

7, 2005. Council members elected in January 2005 will begin their terms immediately. The period January 8, 2005 through September 29, 2005 will constitute the first year term.

Staggered terms in AY 2004-2005: In order to assure that terms will be staggered so that only one-third of the members of any Council will be up for election in any given year, in AY 2004-2005 the tenure of council members will be set as follows:

- The two nominees for each Council who receive the most votes will serve three year terms.
- The two nominees for each Council who receive the next most votes will serve two year terms.
- The two nominees for each Council who receive the next most votes will serve one year terms.

Nominations in AY 2005-2006 and thereafter: In all years after AY 2004-2005, nominations for election of members of each Council will be made at the first senate meeting of the academic year. A vote will be conducted no later than the second Senate meeting of the academic year. The two nominees for each Council who receive the highest number of votes will be elected to three-year terms.

E. Responsibilities of Councils: A Senate Policy Council has the right and responsibility to refer business to its Contributing and Related Committees; to direct two or more Committees to work together when appropriate; to create, if necessary, ad hoc committees or task forces to deal with matters within its purview; to act as a Council on business within its purview for which a committee is neither available nor necessary; and to initiate and participate in cooperative action with other Councils.

Respectfully submitted, November 11, 2004
Constitution Committee