Resolution 2016-2017-2 Faculty Senate Bylaw Change, Various Joint Committees and Councils

Whereas, several committees designate the chair of the committee as the committee administrator or designee without defining the chair as voting or non-voting; and

Whereas, the Academic Calendar, Undergraduate Common Program Oversight, and University Master Planning committee administrators mutually agreed that a faculty member should be elected annually by the membership as the chair; and

Whereas, several committees lack the flexibility to appoint ex officio members; and

Whereas, the Admissions and Standards committee lacks the flexibility to add additional faculty members; and

Whereas, the University Honors Committee is vague in determining faculty representation from the regional campuses and the Commencement, Convocations, and Recognitions committee did not define the faculty rank requirement for committee appointment; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate Constitution be amended as follows:

Academic Calendar Committee

2. Membership.

The committee shall consist of one faculty member from each academic unit selected by the Committee on Committees and one student nominated by the president of the Student Government. No more than two of the faculty members of the committee shall hold a rank of assistant dean or higher. The vice president for Student Development and Enrollment Services (or designee) will (ex officio) serve as chair and shall identify other ex officio members. The chair will make every effort to ensure that areas relating to the Academic Calendar are represented. The number of ex officio members shall not exceed the number of faculty members. The chair of the committee shall be a faculty member elected annually by the membership. Terms of service shall be two years, staggered, with the exception of the student member, who shall serve for one year.

Admissions and Standards Committee

2. Membership.

The committee shall consist of at least six faculty members (at least three of whom shall be graduate faculty), selected by the Committee on Committees (in consultation with the vice president for Student Development and Enrollment Services), one undergraduate student nominated by the president of the Student Government, one graduate student nominated by the president of the Graduate Student Association (in consultation with vice provost and dean of the College of Graduate Studies), and six members from the professional staff (selected by the vice president for Student Development and Enrollment Services). A representative from the professional advising office for each college may serve as a non-voting resource person to assist the committee members. The vice president for Student Development and Enrollment Services (or designee) (ex officio) will serve as chair and identify other ex officio members. The chair will make every effort to ensure that areas relating to Admissions and Standards are represented. Terms of service shall be three years, staggered, with the exception of the student member, who shall serve for one year.
Commencements, Convocations, and Recognitions Committee

2. Membership.

The committee shall consist of one tenured faculty member from each academic unit, and one Associate or University Librarian selected by the Committee on Committees (in consultation with the president), two students selected by the president of the Student Government (in consultation with the president) and the president and the provost and executive vice president or their designees. The president (or designee) shall identify other ex officio members. The chair is appointed annually by the president from the faculty membership. Terms of service shall be two years, staggered, with the exception of the student members, who shall serve for one year.

Strategic Planning Council

2. Membership.

The committee shall consist of one faculty member from each academic unit (selected by the Committee on Committees in consultation with the provost and executive vice president); one student (appointed by the president of the Student Government); the chair of the Faculty Senate; one staff member (selected by the USPS Staff Council); one department chair (appointed by the provost and executive vice president); one faculty representing the regional campuses (appointed by the vice provost for Regional Campuses); one alumnus or alumna (selected by the president of the Alumni Association); and the provost and executive vice president. The provost and executive vice president (ex officio), in concert with the vice presidents of the administrative and academic divisions, will identify remaining members in an effort to ensure widespread representation across the university. The council chair shall be appointed by the president from the membership of the council. Terms of service are three years, staggered, with the exception of the student members, who shall serve for one year.

Undergraduate Common Program Oversight Committee

2. Membership.

The committee shall consist of at least fifteen faculty members, with at least one faculty member from each of the colleges with undergraduate programs and one professional librarian (selected by the Committee on Committees in consultation with the college deans and the vice provost and dean of the College of Undergraduate Studies). The Committee on Committees shall consider Membership shall reflect the proportion of general education credit offered between the colleges. If possible, members of the general faculty responsible for general education courses shall serve on the committee. The vice provost and dean of the College of Undergraduate Studies (or designee) (ex officio) shall chair the committee and will identify other ex officio members, making every effort to ensure that areas relating to Undergraduate Common Program Oversight are represented. The chair of the committee shall be a faculty member elected annually by the membership. Terms of service shall be two years, staggered.
University Bookstore Advisory Committee

2. Membership.

The committee shall consist of one faculty member from each academic unit (selected by the Committee on Committees), two staff members (nominated by the USPS Staff Council), one student (nominated by the president of the Student Government), one representative from Academic Affairs, the bookstore manager, and the director of Business Services. The bookstore manager shall identify ex officio members. The chair shall be elected annually from its faculty membership. Terms of service shall be two years, staggered, with the exception of the student member, who shall serve for one year.

University Honors Committee

2. Membership.

The committee shall consist of one faculty member from each academic unit, and one representative from each of the regional campuses with students participating in the Honors Program (selected by the Committee on Committees in consultation with the dean of The Burnett Honors College), and three student representatives recommended by the dean of Burnett Honors College). The dean of The Burnett Honors College (ex officio) will chair the committee and identify other ex officio members. Terms of service shall be two years, staggered, with the exception of the student members, who shall serve for one year.

University Master Planning committee

2. Membership.

The committee shall consist of one faculty member from each academic unit, two of whom shall be members of the Faculty Senate (selected by the Committee on Committees in consultation with the provost and executive vice president); two additional faculty members from Biology and Environmental Engineering (selected by the vice president for Administration and Finance or designee); one administrator from Academic Affairs (appointed by the provost and executive vice president); and two students (appointed by the president of the Student Government). The vice president for Administration and Finance (or designee) (ex officio) shall chair the committee. The chair shall identify other voting and ex officio members, and will make every effort to ensure that areas relating to University Master Planning are represented. The director of Environmental Health and Safety and the assistant director of Facilities Planning shall function as support staff to the committee. The chair of the committee shall be a faculty member elected annually by the membership. Terms of service shall be three years, staggered, with the exception of the student members, who shall serve for one year.

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