

## Special Rules of Order Governing the Reorganization of the Faculty Senate

These special rules of order modify the Faculty Senate Bylaws (Faculty Handbook Policy A60) for a period of two years, beginning July 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2014, for the purpose of reorganizing the Faculty Senate structure. These sections dealing with Faculty Senate Councils and Council chairs are being added to the bylaws on a two-year, pilot basis. [These rules will be extended until June 30, 2015.](#)

### I. Senate Structure

#### A. Officers

##### 5. Election of Council Chairs

The ~~six~~ [five](#) council chairs (Academic Council, Research and Creative Works Council, ~~Faculty Life and Scholarly Support Council~~, Business Council, Athletic Council, and Health Sciences Council) will be members or chairs of the constituent committees of their respective councils. They will be elected by the voting members of the council for a term of two years.

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Council Chairs will be approved by the Faculty Senate Operations Committee and the Faculty Senate. Council chairs can be elected for one additional two-year term.

The Faculty Senate Operations Committee has the authority to appoint interim council chairs (subject to the approval of the Faculty Senate) if the standing committees are unable to elect them by July 1, ~~2012~~ [2014, or if vacancies occur during the term.](#)

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#### D. Faculty Senate Councils

1. The Health Sciences Council and the Athletic Council will change from standing committees of the Senate to Faculty Senate Councils. ~~Four~~ [Three](#) additional councils will be formed from existing standing committees. The ~~six~~ [five](#) councils and their charges are:

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##### a. Academic Council

###### i. Voting and Ex-officio Members

Chairs (or their delegates) of the following Faculty Senate Committees will constitute the voting membership of the Academic Council: Undergraduate, Graduate and Professional Curriculum, and Admissions and Registration. Ex-officio non-voting members of the Council will be ~~three~~ [three](#) Faculty Senators (nominated by the Operations Committee

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~~and appointed by the President Elect~~, the Senior Vice-Provost for Academic Affairs, and the Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Management.

ii. Authority

The Academic Council will have decision-making authority in academic matters that cannot easily or fully be handled by single existing Faculty Senate committees. Academic Council decisions shall be reviewed by the Faculty Senate Operations committee and are subject to ratification by the Faculty Senate. Recommendations proposed by the Council will be taken to the Senate Operations Committee for deliberation and decisions.

iii. Meetings

The Academic Council will schedule regular meetings ~~on a monthly basis, or more frequently if deemed necessary.~~ Meetings will be open to the public. Notification of meetings, agendas, and minutes will be posted on the Faculty Senate website.

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b. Research and Creative Works Council

i. Voting and Ex-officio Members

Research and Creative Works Council is composed of ~~four~~ five regular voting members: the chairs of the Research Allocation Committee (RAC), the Research Policy Committee (RPC), the University Press committees, the Library Committee, and the Honorary Degree Committee ~~and the Chair of the Intellectual Property subcommittee of the RPC.~~ The Vice Provost for Research and the Vice President of Research of the HSC will be ex-officio non-voting members. ~~In addition, there shall be three members of the Faculty Senate who will be ex-officio, non-voting members of the council.~~

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ii. Authority

The Research and Creative Works Council will have decision-making authority in research and creative works matters that cannot easily or fully be handled by single existing Faculty Senate committees. Research and Creative Works Council decisions shall be reviewed by Faculty

Senate Operations committee and are subject to ratification by the Faculty Senate. Recommendations proposed by the Council will be taken to the Senate Operations Committee for deliberation and decisions.

iii. Meetings

The Research and Creative Works Council will schedule regular meetings ~~on a monthly basis, or more frequently if deemed necessary~~. Meetings will be open to the public. Notification of meetings, agendas, and minutes will be posted on the Faculty Senate website.

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c. ~~Faculty Life and Scholarly Support Council~~

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i. ~~Voting and ex officio Members~~

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~~The membership of the Council shall consist of the chair from Scholarship, Honorary Degree, Faculty Ethics and Advisory, Teaching Enhancement, Library, Information Technology Use, and Faculty/Staff Benefits Committees. Non-voting (ex officio) members of the Council are the Vice President for Human Resources, the Director of Faculty Contracts, and three faculty senators nominated by the Operations Committee and appointed by the President-Elect.~~

ii. ~~Authority~~

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~~The FLSS will have decision-making authority in matters of faculty life and scholarly support that cannot easily be addressed by a single existing Faculty Senate committee. The FLSS Council decisions shall be reviewed by the Faculty Senate Operations Committee and are subject to ratification by the Faculty Senate. Recommendations proposed by the Council will be taken to the Senate Operations Committee for deliberation and decisions.~~

iii. ~~The Faculty Life and Scholarly Support Council will schedule meetings on a monthly basis, or more frequently if deemed necessary. Meetings will be open to the public. Notification of meetings, agendas, and minutes will be posted on the Faculty Senate website.~~

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d. Business Council

i. Voting and Ex-officio Members

The Business Council is composed of ~~three~~ five regular voting members: the chairs of the Budget Committee, Government Relations Committee, the Faculty-Staff Benefits Committee, the Information Technology Use Committee, and the Campus Development Advisory Committee. The Associate Vice President for Planning, Budget and Analysis, and the University Comptroller shall be ex-officio, non-voting members. ~~In addition, there shall be three members of the Faculty Senate who will be ex-officio, non-voting members of the council.~~

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ii. Authority

The Business Council will have decision-making authority in business matters that cannot easily or fully be handled by single existing Faculty Senate committees. Business Council decisions can be reviewed by Faculty Senate Operations committee and are subject to ratification by the Faculty Senate. Recommendations proposed by the Council will be taken to the Senate Operations committee for deliberation and decisions.

iii. The Business Council will schedule regular meetings ~~on a monthly basis, or more frequently if deemed necessary.~~ Meetings will be open to the public. Notification of meetings, agendas, and minutes will be posted on the Faculty Senate website.

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e. Athletic Council

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(No changes from current charge.)

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i. Voting and Ex-officio Members

~~Three Faculty Senators, nominated by the Operations Committee and appointed by the President Elect, will be non-voting members of the Athletic Council.~~

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f. Health Sciences Center Council

*(No changes from current charge.)*

2. In addition to the ex-officio members of the Faculty Senate listed in Section 6(b) of the Faculty Constitution, the six council chairs shall be ex-officio, non-voting members of the Faculty Senate.

3. The six council chairs will meet regularly ~~as a group~~ with the Operations ~~Committee at least once each month at a regular meeting of the Operations Committee.~~

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