

Reading of the Constitution

CONSTITUTION

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UNIVERSITY SENATE CONSTITUTION Revised 2/2007

PURPOSE

The purpose of the University Senate is to provide a forum for the representation of all segments of the University community and to advise and recommend to the President and the Council on matters of university governance.

². These committees shall forward curricular proposals to the University Senate for approval. The University Senate shall report simultaneously its proposals to the president of the university

The University Senate can study any issue of university governance and make recommendations to the president and the council. The president and the council, (when possible), shall provide the University Senate with an opportunity to review all policies and recommendations prior to their implementation. The president and the council, (when possible), shall provide the University Senate with an opportunity to review all policies and recommendations prior to their implementation. The president and the council, (when possible), shall provide the University Senate with an opportunity to review all policies and recommendations prior to their implementation. The president and the council, (when possible), shall provide the University Senate with an opportunity to review all policies and recommendations prior to their implementation. The president and the council, (when possible), shall provide the University Senate with an opportunity to review all policies and recommendations prior to their implementation.

¹ The term faculty (as distinguished from FACULTY) is used to represent not only those members of the university staff whose duties are primarily instructional, but also department level administrators, the professional staff

Proposed amendments of the constitution shall be referred to the Rules Committee, which shall report the amendment to the University Senate for action no sooner than the regular monthly meeting immediately following the introduction or first reading of the proposed amendment. If the amendment receives a majority vote of those in attendance at this meeting, then the Rules Committee shall refer the proposed amendment in writing, with printed ballots, to the University Senate where a two-thirds affirmative vote of those voting is necessary for passage.

Nothing relating to the organization and administration of the University Senate shall be construed so as to limit the authority of the council or the president of the university with respect to the administration of the university as prescribed by law. Further, nothing in the constitution or the rules and regulations of the University Senate shall be construed so as to limit the authority of the president of the university to appoint such other councils and committees as deemed necessary to facilitate the efficient administration of the university.

COMPOSITION & ELECTIVE PROCEDURES

The University Senate shall consist of a number of faculty double the number of departments of the university, a voting administrative segment one-third the size of the faculty segment, and a student segment one-half the size of the faculty segment.

The Senate shall also include one Alumni Association representative and four representatives from the staff. Faculty, staff, and administrative members shall be employees in good standing at the time of election or appointment and during terms of service. Students must be enrolled and in attendance at the time of election or appointment.

half of the remaining number shall be elected by and from the administrators/managers, with the remainder to be appointed by the university president.

The student segment shall consist of undergraduate and graduate students in proportion to their FTE enrollment, but no segment shall be less than 20% of the total student contingent. Each delegation shall be elected by its representative student body. Undergraduate students shall be elected under the auspices of the recognized student association as defined in Pennsylvania State Act 188982 both cases, the officiating body shall call for and accept voluntary nominations for election to the University Senate.

The staff segment shall consist of the local AFSCME president and three representatives from the staff as elected from and by the staff.

The Alumni Association representative shall be appointed by the Alumni Executive Board.

Except where constrained by collective bargaining agreements, the Rules Committee shall exercise general jurisdiction over the manner in which elections to the University Senate are conducted, including such matters as determining the eligibility of university employees and students for University Senate membership, and establishing the rules by which elections are to be conducted. Such rules shall include provisions establishing the means by which voluntary nominations for election to the University Senate may be made to the Rules Committee, or whatever group the Rules Committee or the University Senate establishes to function as a nominating agency. The Rules Committee shall also be responsible for