

ARTICLE IV. THE FACULTY SENATE (Changes to this article are subject to vote only by the Faculty Senate)

1. Powers

a. The Faculty Senate shall have general legislative authority over faculty welfare, educational, and research matters concerning more than one campus or the University as a whole, but not over the internal affairs of a single campus, institute, college, or school, except where such affairs materially affect the interests of the University as a whole or the interests of other campuses, institutes, colleges, or schools. It shall also have general advisory responsibilities for matters related to the University budget. The authority of the Faculty Senate shall include but not be limited to primary responsibility for educational and research policies, providing advice to the president concerning the University's budget, accreditation, designation and granting of University honors, policies concerning faculty appointment and tenure, and matters within the jurisdiction of the Faculty Affairs and Judicial Committees. Only those members of the Faculty Senate who hold probationary or tenured faculty appointments may vote on changes in the Regents' Policy "Faculty Tenure," any matters related to tenure, or any matters related to the Judicial Committee.

b. The Faculty Senate may delegate authority and responsibility to campus or faculty assemblies in educational, research, and faculty welfare matters concerning only one campus of the University.

2. Membership

a. The Faculty Senate shall be composed of the following voting members:

(1) the president of the University;

(2) the vice chair of the Faculty Senate;

(3) the 155 elected faculty or qualified academic staff members; and

(4) the 10 elected members of the Faculty Consultative Committee and the past chair of the Faculty Consultative Committee, who shall serve as ex officio voting members.

b. The deans, vice presidents, chancellors, provosts, the University Librarian, and the General Counsel shall serve as ex officio nonvoting members.

c. For the purposes of this constitution, the bylaws, and the rules, the term "faculty" shall include (1) individuals who hold full-time regular appointments as defined in the Regents' Policy "Faculty Tenure," and (2) individuals who hold full-time multi-year or annually renewable term appointments as defined in the Regents' Policy "Faculty Tenure" and who have completed three years of service at the University.

d. For the purposes of this constitution, the bylaws, and the rules, the term "qualified academic staff" shall mean individuals who (1) hold full-time appointments as academic professionals, (2) have faculty-like responsibilities with a primary focus on teaching or research, and (3) have probationary/continuous appointments or have completed five years of service at the University.

e. For the purposes of this constitution, the bylaws, and the rules, "full-time appointments" are defined as requiring at least 67% time.

f. The manner in which faculty and qualified academic staff are elected to the Faculty Senate shall be prescribed in the bylaws.

3. Faculty Senate Officers

The officers of the Faculty Senate shall be the chair, the vice chair, the clerk, and the parliamentarian. The president of the University shall be the chair and shall preside at meetings of the Faculty Senate. The vice chair and the clerk shall be faculty members eligible to be elected to the Faculty Senate. The selection and duties of the officers shall be set forth in the bylaws.

4. Faculty Senate Meetings – Call – Quorum

a. The Faculty Senate shall hold regular meetings, at least twice in each semester of the academic year, at a time and place determined by the Faculty Consultative Committee and approved by the president.

b. Special meetings of the Faculty Senate may be held upon the call of the president, the Faculty Consultative Committee, or upon written request of ten members of the Faculty Senate. Senators shall be given notice of any special session by the clerk of the Senate at the earliest possible date and not less than two days before the meeting. Only subjects specifically listed on the proposed agenda for any special session may be considered at that meeting.

c. At any regular or special meeting of the Faculty Senate, a majority of its membership (not including vacant seats) shall constitute a quorum.

d. Only elected Faculty Senate members (or their designated alternates), Faculty Consultative Committee members, and, in the case of a tie, the presiding officer, shall be entitled to vote. All members of the faculty who hold regular appointment as defined in *Faculty Tenure* and all qualified academic staff may be present at Faculty Senate meetings and shall be entitled to speak and to offer motions for Faculty Senate action.

5. Faculty Senate Agenda and Minutes

a. The agenda and minutes of each Faculty Senate meeting shall be distributed in the manner specified in the Rules. Matters under Faculty Senate jurisdiction, including proposed amendments to this Constitution or Bylaws, may be submitted by any committee of the Faculty Senate or any Faculty Senate member.

b. Committees and Faculty Senators shall submit items for action to the clerk of the Senate at least two weeks before the Faculty Senate meeting.

6. Twin Cities Faculty Delegation

The Twin Cities faculty and qualified academic staff members of the Faculty Senate shall constitute the Twin Cities Faculty Delegation. The Faculty Senate shall refer to the Twin Cities Faculty Delegation any matters which pertain only to the Twin Cities campus. Committees which deal only with matters that pertain to the Twin Cities campus shall report to the Twin Cities Faculty Delegation. The Twin Cities Faculty Delegation shall meet as needed to conduct business at the call of the President, the Faculty Consultative Committee, or upon written request of ten members of the Twin Cities Faculty Delegation. The officers of the Faculty Senate shall

serve as the officers of the Twin Cities Faculty Delegation and all procedures and rules established in the constitution, bylaws, and rules for the Faculty Senate shall apply to the Twin Cities Faculty Delegation as appropriate. When questions arise, the Faculty Consultative Committee shall determine the application of the constitution, bylaws, and rules to the Twin Cities Faculty Delegation.

7. Committees of the Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate may establish standing committees and may also create special committees. Membership on Faculty Senate committees and procedures for electing or appointing members are described in the Bylaws. Committees may appoint subcommittees. The Committee on Committees shall serve as a resource for subcommittee nominations and shall, at the request of the parent committee, appoint members to standing subcommittees.