



On behalf of the faculty senate steering committee, the following amendments to the Faculty Senate Constitution and the Faculty Senate Bylaws documents were proposed on March 7, 2024:

Overall amendments:

- 1) Combine these into a single document titled “Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws”.
- 2) Adopt WSU style guide for capitalization.
- 3) Moving all amendment dates to the end of the document.
- 4) Replace “he/she” with “they”.
- 5) Amending “non-tenure-track” to “career track” throughout the document

Article I amendments

- 6) Article I, Section 1: Amend “women and minorities” to “diversity, equity, and inclusion”
- 7) Article I ending referring to the *Faculty Manual* for more detailed information.

Article II amendments

- 8) Article II, Section 1 (new section): Provide details on eligibility criteria for apportionment and service on Faculty Senate, specifically:
 - a. specifying a minimum 0.5 FTE appointment;
 - b. defining disqualifying administrative positions.
- 9) Article II, Section 5 (apportionment): Amend “greater than” to “minus” for clarity.
- 10) Article II, Section 5C: Amend “consistency” to “constituency”.
- 11) Article II, Section 5C: Amend “shall” to “are expected to”.
- 12) Article II, Section 6B and 6C are switched to bring information about single senators’ terms together.
- 13) Article II, Section 6B (term limit): Provide for flexibility for constituencies to allow extensions of senate terms.
- 14) Article II, Section 6D (appointment status): Make consistent with eligibility in Article II, Section 1.
- 15) Article II, Section 7A (appointment status): Make consistent with eligibility in Article II, Section 1.
- 16) Article II, Section 7C (appointment outside of constituency): Clarify eligibility language to make consistent with eligibility in Article II, Section 1.
- 17) Article II, Section 8 (Graduate and Professional Student Association) is removed since covered by Article II, Section 3.
- 18) Article II, Section 8A (Election Procedure – Time of Election): Include “with the expectation that elections be completed by May 1”
- 19) Article II, Section 8C (Election Procedure – Vacancy): Specify that “temporary” means “less than one semester”.
- 20) Article II, Section 8D (Recall of Senators): Move from Article V, Section 4 as this pertains to election of senators
- 21) Article II, Section 8E (Special Elections of Senators): Added to provide a process for special elections and to specify terms for senators elected under special elections.



Article III amendments

- 22) Article III, Section 1 (Regulations): Remove “bylaws” from first sentence. Also move Article I of Bylaws referring to *Robert’s Rules of Order* as a governing document.
- 23) Article III, Section 2 (Officers): Specify that the officers are non-voting members of the Senate, except that the presiding officer casts the deciding vote to break a tie. Also specify that a senator who becomes an officer vacates their senate seat.
- 24) Article III, Section 2A (Election of Officers): Move from Article III of the Bylaws.
 - a. Remove chair-elect succession language as already covered in Section 2C.
 - b. Replace “Elections” with “Regular elections”
 - c. Allow for special elections for vacancies in chair-elect or executive secretary positions
 - d. Specify electronic survey manner of officer elections
 - e. Specify that 40 percent of senators must vote to ratify an officer election
 - f. Specify when officer terms begin
- 25) Article III, Section 2B (Recall of Officers): Added language to allow for recall of Faculty Senate officers
- 26) Article III, Section 2C (Chair-Elect, Chair, and Past Chair): Added language to specify succession process among these officers
- 27) Article III, Section 2D (Executive Secretary): Separate the language for this officer from that from Chair officers.
- 28) Article III, Section 3 (Senate Meetings):
 - a. Move from Article II of the Bylaws
 - b. Include role of chair officers as presiding officer for meetings of the Senate
 - c. Amend “2” to “two”
 - d. Specify that the presiding officer casts the deciding vote in case of a tie
 - e. Specify that the executive secretary provides an attendance report to each constituency
 - f. Specify how non-senators are allowed to participate in Senate meetings
- 29) Article III, Section 4 (Committees):
 - a. Section 4A (Standing Committees): Move from Article VIII of the Bylaws
 - b. Section 4B (Committee on Committees): Specify that the chair-elect serves as the chair of the Committee on Committees
 - c. Section 4D (Election of Committee Members and Officers): Move from Article IX and Article X of the Bylaws.
 - d. Section 4E (Qualifications for Committee Membership): Clarify the role of the Committee on Committees as nominating authority.
 - e. Section 4E (Qualifications for Committee Membership): Clarify eligibility rules for committee membership as the same as Article II, Section 1.
 - f. Section 4F (Meetings of Senate-elected Committees and Subcommittees): Move from Article XI of the Bylaws.
 - g. Section 4G (Ad Hoc Committees): Language inserted concerning one-year longevity of ad hoc committees
 - h. Section 4H (Participation of Committee Chairs in Faculty Senate): Specify “*ex officio*” membership of committee chairs and their role in Senate meetings



- 30) Article III, Section 5 (Relations with External Agencies):
- a. Section 5A (Legislative Representative): Moved from Article XIII of the Bylaws.
 - b. Section 5A (Legislative Representative): Specify dual role on state-wide Council of Faculty
 - c. Section 5A (Legislative Representative): Allow for re-election
 - d. Section 5A (Legislative Representative): Amend “Elected representative vacancies” to “Vacancies of the office of legislative representative”
 - e. Section 5B (Faculty Regent): Moved from Article XIV of the Bylaws
 - f. Section 5B (Faculty Regent): Insert “When prompted by the Office of the Governor”
 - g. Section 5B (Faculty Regent): Insert “Full-time faculty and emeritus faculty are eligible for nomination.”
 - h. Section 5C (Representatives to Other External Agencies): Moved from Article XIII, Sections 3, 4, 5, and 6 of the Bylaws.

Article IV (Committee on Faculty Status) Removal.

- 31) Article IV (Committee on Faculty Status) is removed as this is covered under the *Faculty Manual* rather than by Faculty Senate.

Article IV (Petition and Referendum) is inserted.

- 32) Article IV, Section 1 (Individual Petition): “Individual” is inserted to distinguish this action from “Formal” petitions in Section 2.

Article V (Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws)

- 33) Article V is reworded into a single paragraph.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Matt Hudelson".

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