

**Proposed Revisions to the USC Columbia Faculty Manual
for Consideration by the General Faculty
at the 28 April 2015 General Faculty Meeting**

**Proposal from the USC Faculty Advisory Committee
University of South Carolina
23 February 2015**

Rationale for Proposed Revisions

- Faculty members filling mid-term vacancies on faculty committees are currently prohibited from continued service on the same committee through either election or appointment.
- Reference to “Regional Campus(es)” is obsolete with the formation of Palmetto College
- Conflicting language concerning the calculation of nine months for the terms of employment for nine month appointments
- Proposal to create a new standing committee of the Faculty Senate on Information Technology

Summary of Proposed Revisions

- Remove prohibition of service for more than three consecutive years on the same faculty committee.
- All references to “Regional Campus(es)” are substituted with “Palmetto College Campuses.”
- Replace reference to the end of the nine-month term of appointment from “through commencement” to “May 15th.”

**Chapter 1 – FACULTY ORGANIZATION
FACULTY COMMITTEES (pages 5-6)**

Current	Proposed
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With the approval of the members of the committee, the chair of an elected committee may request that the chair of the senate remove an elected member for excessive absences or nonparticipation.

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The committees named below are agencies of the faculty. By August 15, committee chairs shall submit annual reports containing a summary of the committee's activities and actions to the Faculty Senate office. These reports shall be in the minutes of the September senate meeting.

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This committee shall advise the faculty and administration on all matters pertaining to the general policies and operations of the university that lie outside or cut across the responsibilities of other standing committees. It shall initiate studies and make recommendations to the faculty and administration regarding any matters affecting the general welfare of the university that faculty members, faculty bodies, and administrative officers refer to it. It also shall review proposals of other standing committees and recommend procedures for their implementation. The provost and vice provost for faculty development are ex officio members.

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This committee shall serve as liaison between the faculty and the Board of Trustees. Members shall be the chair and chair-elect of the Columbia Faculty Senate, the chairs of the Faculty Advisory and Faculty Welfare committees, one person appointed by the president upon nomination by the Regional Campuses Faculty Senate, and the chair of the faculty government at one of the four-year campuses. The representation of the four-year campuses shall rotate in alphabetical order, annually, among these campuses, Aiken, Beaufort, and Upstate. The chair of the Columbia Faculty Senate shall be chair of the committee and shall sit with the Board of Trustees as provided by the bylaws of the board.

The committee shall meet with the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees, which deliberates on matters of mutual concern to the faculty and the Board of Trustees.

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<p>the regional campuses, and two student members.</p> <p>COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES</p> <p>This committee shall consider and review matters concerning the status and funding of the libraries that are under the supervision of the dean of libraries.</p> <p>The committee shall consist of eleven members: seven elected from the faculty, including one member of the teaching faculty of the regional campuses elected by the Regional Campuses Faculty Senate; three presidential appointees; and the dean of libraries, ex officio. No college shall have more than two elected members, and no department shall have more than one elected member.</p>	<p>to serve ex officio, one representative from the regional-Palmetto College campusesCampuses, and two student members.</p> <p>COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES</p> <p>This committee shall consider and review matters concerning the status and funding of the libraries that are under the supervision of the dean of libraries.</p> <p>The committee shall consist of eleven members: seven elected from the faculty, including one member of the teaching faculty of the regional-Palmetto College Campuses elected by the Regional-Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate; three presidential appointees; and the dean of libraries, ex officio. No college shall have more than two elected members, and no department shall have more than one elected member.</p>
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**Chapter 1 – FACULTY ORGANIZATION
FACULTY COMMITTEES (page 11)**

Current	Proposed
	<p><u>The Faculty Senate Information Technology Committee provides a faculty voice in assessing and planning Information Technology (IT) services, resources, and infrastructure for administration, instruction, and research at the University of South Carolina. The committee shall consist of eight members of the voting faculty; one graduate student representative; one undergraduate student representative; and no more than five ex-officio representatives, typically one each from the University Technology Services (UTS), Research Cyberinfrastructure (RCI), the University Libraries, the Office of the Vice President for Research (VPR), the Office of the Provost. The composition of the</u></p>

committee shall reflect the need for expertise in the complex field of IT and general interest of the University faculty.

Specific charges to the committee are:

1) To survey annually faculty, staff, and students regarding the efficacy of IT resources including general services, resources and infrastructure that support the missions of teaching, research, and service.

2) To assess the adequacy of available IT services, resources, and infrastructure relative to the requirements of the University community.

3) To assess the compatibility of available and planned IT services, resources, and infrastructure with the University's ambition as a locally, nationally, and internationally-regarded teaching and research institution.

4) To ensure that faculty have a meaningful role in future development of IT at the University of South Carolina by: maintaining and publishing a list of all standing committees related to IT, providing a faculty voice on search committees for senior administrators whose responsibilities include IT, and receiving an annual report on current and proposed budgets for central IT resources.

5) To propose for ratification by the Faculty Senate, a "Faculty Bill of Rights for IT" specifying the IT services, resources, and infrastructure that faculty, as well as students and staff, should expect from the University, and to annually review this document for necessary revisions.

6) To make recommendations to the Faculty Senate for changes in IT services, resources, and infrastructure based on the information, assessment, and analysis resulting from the committee's work in points 1-5 above.

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FACULTY SENATE (page 11)**

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<p>The Faculty Senate shall consist of ten percent of the voting members of the faculty, elected by each college, school, or regional campus.</p>	<p>The Faculty Senate shall consist of ten percent of the voting members of the faculty, elected by each college, school, or regional <u>Palmetto College</u> campus.</p>

**Chapter 2 – REGULATIONS AND POLICIES
TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT (page 45)**

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<p>Unless otherwise noted in the letter of appointment, employment of the members of the faculty shall be for a period of nine months. The salary for one semester shall be one-half that of the nine-month period.</p> <p>Faculty members may teach in a summer session for 15 percent of the salary received during the previous academic year, state funds permitting. Faculty members must advise the department chair or dean before December 1 of their summer school intentions and at that time may be assigned to teach in a summer session, as conditions warrant; but on the recommendation of the dean and the provost and with the approval of the president, faculty members may be assigned special duties for this period. Summer school teaching in the case of faculty hired after September 1, 1973, for employment beginning September 1974 or later, may depend on the availability of funds or the size of enrollment.</p> <p>For the fall and spring semesters, all faculty members shall be available from the fourth calendar day before the first day of classes through commencement.</p>	<p>Unless otherwise noted in the letter of appointment, employment of the members of the faculty shall be for a period of nine months. The salary for one semester shall be one-half that of the nine-month period.</p> <p>Faculty members may teach in a summer session for 15 percent of the salary received during the previous academic year, state funds permitting. Faculty members must advise the department chair or dean before December 1 of their summer school intentions and at that time may be assigned to teach in a summer session, as conditions warrant; but on the recommendation of the dean and the provost and with the approval of the president, faculty members may be assigned special duties for this period. Summer school teaching in the case of faculty hired after September 1, 1973, for employment beginning September 1974 or later, may depend on the availability of funds or the size of enrollment.</p> <p>For the fall and spring semesters, aAll faculty members shall be available from the fourth calendar day before the first day of classes through commencement <u>May 15th</u>.</p>

**Appendix IV – BYLAWS OF THE FACULTY SENATE
 THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA-COLUMBIA (page 87)
 ARTICLE II – MEMBERS**

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<p>Section 2. The number of Senate members allocated to each college, school, or Regional Campus is ten (10) percent of the total voting members of the University faculty in such college, school, or Regional Campus. Each college, school, or Regional Campus shall establish and publish rules and procedures governing the election of its members to the Senate and the filling of vacancies. Those colleges or Regional Campuses which are departmentalized shall allocate the Senators amongst the departments so as not to exceed the ten (10) percent limit for the total college or Regional Campus (Table 1). At the first election of members to the Senate, each college, school, or Regional Campus shall designate terms of one, two, or three years for its members so that approximately one-third of its members will be allotted each of the terms. Thereafter, members elected to the Senate shall have terms of three years, unless chosen to fill unexpired terms. No Senator shall be eligible for an additional term in the Senate until one year following the expiration of the term of service.</p>	<p>Section 2. The number of Senate members allocated to each college, school, or Regional Palmetto College Campus is ten (10) percent of the total voting members of the University faculty in such college, school, or Regional Palmetto College Campus. Each college, school, or Regional Palmetto College Campus shall establish and publish rules and procedures governing the election of its members to the Senate and the filling of vacancies. Those colleges or Regional Palmetto College Campuses which are departmentalized shall allocate the Senators amongst the departments so as not to exceed the ten (10) percent limit for the total college or Regional Palmetto College Campus (Table 1). At the first election of members to the Senate, each college, school, or Regional Palmetto College Campus shall designate terms of one, two, or three years for its members so that approximately one-third of its members will be allotted each of the terms. Thereafter, members elected to the Senate shall have terms of three years, unless chosen to fill unexpired terms. No Senator shall be eligible for an additional term in the Senate until one year following the expiration of the term of service.</p>