

Faculty Manual
University of South Carolina Columbia
&
Faculty Senate Bylaws

Proposed Changes

Submitted to Faculty Senate April 7, 2021

Requiring action by Senate:

1. Conform Manual to current organization of the Board of Trustees, which no longer has the standing committees specified in the Manual.
 - a. Revise description of the University Athletics Advisory Committee (current page 7)
 - b. Delete the Faculty-Board of Trustees Liaison Committee (current page 8)
2. Add language to the Faculty Manual to identify the purpose of the System Faculty Leadership Council and its USC Columbia representation (insert after “Steering Committee” on the current page 13)

For information:

Introduction of proposed bylaws changes to provide election procedure for representatives to the System Faculty Leadership Council. Eligible for vote at the next Senate meeting (June).

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UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The committee ~~shall~~will review and monitor admissions decisions and the academic performance of all student-athletes by regularly receiving appropriate and relevant information regarding the academic eligibility and progress of student-athletes, including graduation rates. The committee also receives reports on, reviews and advises, as appropriate, the Faculty Senate, the NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR), the president, the director of athletics, and the Board of Trustees on the following: annual inter-collegiate athletic program schedules and major changes to them; the annual budget of the Athletics Department; admissions decisions for athletes receiving grants-in-aid; NCAA certification reports, including Title ~~IX~~IX reports; major requests for waiver of any institutional athletic policies; major changes in Athletics Department personnel (specifically the director of athletics, director of the academic support unit, and head coaches for each sport); the needs, interests, and concerns of student athletes; all other issues regarding inter-collegiate activities as referred to it by University officials. The committee ~~shall~~will make at least an annual, written report of its activities to the Faculty Senate, the president, and the director of athletics.

Membership of the committee ~~shall~~will be six elected faculty members; three student members, (one undergraduate student-athlete who serves as either president or president-elect of the Student Athletics Advisory Committee; one undergraduate student appointed by the president of the student body; and one graduate student appointed by the student government with the consent of the Graduate Student Association; one member ~~of the Intercollegiate Activities Committee~~ of the Board of Trustees appointed by the permanent chair of ~~that committee~~the Board; the ~~NCAA faculty athletics representative~~ (FAR); one representative from the Division of Student Affairs; and the director of athletics; and one at-large representative from the faculty, appointed by the president.

The chair ~~will~~shall be a member of the faculty. ~~The chair and the NCAA faculty athletics representative (FAR) shall sit with the Intercollegiate Activities Committee at its meetings, ex officio.~~

DELETE THE FOLLOWING:

FACULTY - BOARD OF TRUSTEES LIAISON COMMITTEE

This committee shall serve as liaison between the faculty and the Board of Trustees. Members shall be the chair and the past chair or 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 Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate, and the chair of the faculty government at one of the comprehensive campuses. The representation of the comprehensive 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.

Insert after STEERING COMMITTEE:

SYSTEM FACULTY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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The USC Columbia Faculty Senate will elect three representatives to the University of South Carolina System Faculty Leadership Council, including one representative from the Palmetto College and any other representatives as required by the bylaws of the Council. The chair of the Faculty Senate (or designee) will also serve on the Council.

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Add after ARTICLE IV:

ARTICLE V - SYSTEM FACULTY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

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Council members represent the Senate. The Faculty Senate Steering Committee will seek nominations in February, review them at its March meeting, and present a slate of candidates for election by the Senate at the April meeting. In developing a slate of nominees, the Steering Committee will favor faculty governance experience in such areas as curriculum approvals, faculty welfare, and policy development.

Section 3. Representatives elected to the Council will serve for staggered three-year terms. Vacancies will be filled temporarily by the Senate Steering Committee until the next election cycle, in which nominations to serve the remainder of a vacated term will follow the regular election procedure. In no case may any representative to the Council serve for more than five years continuously.

ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS

Section 1. In the case of any positions to be filled by election by the Faculty Senate, nominations for such positions shall be made from the floor, except as provided in Article ~~IV~~ and Article VII of these bylaws. Voting shall be by secret ballot, and a majority is required for election.

[Renumber remaining articles.]