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**Policy 6-002: The Academic Senate and Senate Committees: Structure, Functions, Procedures.** Revision ~~3233~~. Effective Date [?? ~~July 1, 2018~~]

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**III-C. Senate Officers.**

1. Presiding Officer (Senate Presidency).

- a. (i) The President of the Senate will be elected annually by the Senate from the eligible members of the University Faculty. ~~from the tenure-line faculty at large~~ excluding those who at the time of nomination to the office of Senate President are either ineligible for Senate membership or serve as chair of an academic department. ~~The Senate Personnel and Elections Committee will provide a slate of candidates for the election.~~ The person-faculty member elected for this responsibility will serve as a Senate Presidential Officer for three years: a two-year term the first year term as President-elect, the second year term as President, and the third year term as immediate past-President.

(ii) The Senate Personnel and Elections Committee, after consultation with the Senate Executive Committee, will provide a slate of candidates eligible for the election. Eligibility shall be determined at the time of nomination and election, based on the following requirements and factors.

- A. Must have held a Tenure-line or Career-line appointment at the University for at least five years with at least .50 FTE (Full Time Equivalent) status.
- B. Must have a current appointment as a member of the University Faculty, either (1) as a Tenured member, or  
(2) as a Career-line member with a current durational term of faculty appointment and a term of contract for employment of at least .75 FTE which both continue throughout the three year term of office.
- C. Must not be serving as an appointed administrative officer of the University at or higher than the position of chairperson of an academic department (or equivalent position, as described in Policy 6-001 Academic Units and Academic Governance).
- D. Must have demonstrated prior participation in University level governance or service.
- E. Must have demonstrated prior involvement in University instructional or educational activities.

(iii) The three Senate Presidential Officers shall be ineligible to serve as elected faculty members of the Senate with full voting privileges at any time during their three year terms of office. If any would otherwise hold a position as a voting

faculty member of the Senate during the term of office, the college or area to be represented in the Senate by that position shall choose another eligible faculty member to fill that position, as a member of the Senate with full voting privileges during that period.

(iv) The three Senate Presidential Officers shall be considered ex officio members of both the Senate and the Senate Executive Committee, with rights of discussion. The past-President and President-elect shall have the rights of making motions, but not to vote. The President shall not have the right of making motions, and shall have only the limited right to vote to break a tie (as described in III-C-1-b-below). If the President-elect is not, at the time of his or her selection, an elected member of the Senate, the President-elect will be considered an ex officio member of both the Senate and the Senate Executive Committee, with full rights of discussion and making motions but without voting privileges. If the Senate President, at the time he or she takes office, is an elected member of the Senate, the President shall not, for apportionment purposes, be considered one of the tenure-line faculty members representing the colleges and University libraries; and the college or area which he or she represents shall choose another member with full voting privileges to replace the President during his or her time in office. If the Senate President, at the time he or she takes office, is not an elected member of the Senate, he or she shall be considered a full member of the Senate, with voting privileges as explained in the paragraph below and in Section 4. A. 1. a. below, but the President shall not, for apportionment purposes, be considered one of the tenure-line faculty members representing the colleges and University libraries.

- b. (i) Upon his or her own initiative, the President may, or upon the vote of at least two-thirds of the assembled voting members of the Senate, the President shall, with respect to a specific agenda item, relinquish the gavel to the immediate past-President, President-elect if available (and if not available, then to the immediate past President, President-elect) to serve as president pro-tempore with respect to a specific agenda item. In the absence of the President for any Senate meeting or other presidential responsibility, the immediate past-President, or President-elect, (or immediate past President), shall serve as a president pro tempore, and in the absence of all three Presidential Officers, the Senate shall elect a faculty member eligible for election to the Senate presidency to serve as a president pro tempore. Similarly, in the absence of the President for all or part of a meeting of the Senate Executive Committee, the immediate past-President, President-elect, or another faculty member of the Committee elected by the Committee shall serve as president pro-tempore.

(ii) The President (or president pro tempore) shall be entitled to vote on matters before the Senate only where, after vote of the Senate, the President's vote will prevent an equal division of the Senate.

- c. In interacting with the University administration, the University Board of Trustees, the State Board of Regents, and the larger community within and outside the University, the Senate President shall act as the spokesperson of the Academic Senate and represent the interests of the Academic Senate and its constituencies in general, and the interests of faculty, in particular.

d. In carrying out the responsibilities of the office, the President, past-President, and President-elect (and other Senate Officers) shall place the best interests of the University and the Academic Senate and its constituencies ahead of their own personal interests or the interests of the academic units with which they are affiliated.

e. ~~(e)~~ The Senate President shall have a manual on Senate organization, operations, and basic Procedures prepared and distributed to all incoming Senate members.

2. Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees

The President of the Senate will serve as a faculty representative to the Board of Trustees. [See University [Policy 2-002](#), and [Board of Regents Policy R223](#).]

3. ~~2~~Secretary \* \* \*

4. ~~3~~Parliamentarian and Liaison to the Institutional Policy Committee \* \* \*

~~4. Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees~~

~~The President of the Senate will serve as a faculty representative to the Board of Trustees. [See University [Policy 2-002](#), and [Board of Regents Policy R223](#).]~~

III-D. Senate Committees.

1. \* \* \*

b. Senate Executive Committee.

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i. Membership and Officers.

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B. The President of the Senate shall serve as chairperson of the Committee (or if not available, second the ~~immediate past-President~~ ~~President-elect~~, third the ~~President-elect~~ ~~immediate Past-President~~, or fourth the Executive Committee shall elect a president *pro tempore* as acting chairperson). The chairperson shall have privileges of discussion, but not of making motions, and shall have the limited right to vote to prevent an equal division of the Committee.

C. The Committee also consists of the following ex officio, non-voting members with full rights of discussion and making motions: the University President, the senior vice president for academic affairs, the senior vice president for health sciences, or their designees; the President-elect; and the immediate past-President of the Senate, and the Senate Parliamentarian and Senate Liaison to the Institutional Policy Committee.

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