

**Idaho State University  
Faculty Constitution  
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**Article V: The Faculty Senate**

**Section 1: Membership**

- a. Composition
  - (1) Academic Faculty; Voting Members
    - (a) Each unit, college or division will be entitled to at least two Academic Faculty representatives to the Faculty Senate except the library, which will be entitled to at least one Academic Faculty representative. Any additional units identified in the Faculty Senate bylaws will receive at least one representative. Academic Faculty representatives will be elected by the Academic Faculty in the unit, college or division of the University.
    - (b) Senate representation will be determined on the ratio of one Senator per 25 Academic Faculty in the college or division of the University.

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- (c) Every January at the first meeting of the spring semester, the Provost will provide the Faculty Senate data on faculty membership. The Faculty Senate will review the apportionment of the faculty from each college, division, or unit and adjust apportionment as necessary to meet constitutional membership as specified in the bylaws of the Faculty Senate. [Proposed change not yet discussed nor voted upon.]
- (2) Nonvoting Members
  - (a) The president of ASISU or his or her designee.
  - (b) The President of the University or his or her designee.
  - (c) The dean of each college, school and library.
- b. Selection  
Academic Faculty Senators will be elected by each college, division, or unit of the University.
- c. Term of Office  
Elected members normally will serve for three years. Initially, provision shall be made for rotating terms of office so that one third of the elected chairs will be vacated each year.
- d. Responsibility  
All members of the Senate are uninstructed representatives. Having sought the counsel and advice of their colleagues, Senate members will be free to exercise their own judgment on matters of decision and vote.
- e. Restructuring  
Newly created colleges and divisions of the University will be represented as provided in Article V, Section 1 a. (1-3). Implementation will be in accordance with the bylaws of the Idaho State University FACULTY Faculty Senate. [Proposed change not yet discussed nor voted upon.]

## **Section 2: Authority and Functions of the Faculty Senate**

### **a. Authority**

The Faculty Senate will have the authority and responsibility to act for and ~~in-on~~ *[Proposed change not yet discussed nor voted upon.]* behalf of THE FACULTY. Actions of the Faculty Senate will be effective without approval of THE FACULTY, except that such actions will be subject to challenge, by THE FACULTY (as specified in Article IV, Section 2, Paragraph e) or by the President of the University.

### **b. Functions**

Within the framework established by the Idaho State Board of Education, the Faculty Senate will, as the representative body of THE FACULTY:

- (1) Recommend to the President and Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs requirements for admission and for degrees.
- (2) Act upon all new courses and curricula, changes in established curricula, and curricular policies involving relationships between colleges, divisions, or units.
- (3) Recommend to the President and Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs criteria for academic rank, tenure, and professional welfare.
- (4) Provide for the review and mediation of disputes involving professional ethics and grievances.
- (5) Recommend to the President and Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs policies and procedures governing the performance of research, scholarship and creative activities.
- (6) Maintain such committees and councils as are necessary for the implementation of Article III, Section 1, of this constitution.
- (7) Receive and consider reports from committees and councils and take appropriate action thereon.
- (8) Inform THE FACULTY of its actions.

## **Section 3: Organization of the Senate**

### **a. Officers**

- (1) The Senate shall elect annually from among its voting members a Chair and Vice Chair.

### **b. Meetings**

- (1) Regular and special meetings of the Faculty Senate will be held throughout the academic year at times specified in the bylaws.
- (2) Regular and special meetings of the Faculty Senate are open.
- (3) Non-Senate members may only address the Senate when called upon by the Faculty Senate presiding officer.

### **c. Rules**

The Faculty Senate is empowered to make rules governing its own organization and procedure subject to the conditions of this Constitution and the following:

- (1) A simple majority of voting members of the Senate members will constitute a quorum. If quorum is lost, the meeting will be immediately adjourned and the discussion will continue at the next regularly scheduled meeting or special session of the Faculty Senate.

(2) All actions of the Senate will be by simple majority of members present and voting, unless otherwise specified in the bylaws.

(3) A digest of the Senate meeting minutes will be distributed to THE FACULTY without delay.

d. Agenda

At least three business days prior to any Senate meeting, the Chair of the Faculty Senate will have an agenda published and distributed to THE FACULTY. Any item submitted by at least ten percent of THE FACULTY through petition must be placed on the agenda for the next regular Senate meeting. Items not on the agenda of a given meeting may not be brought to formal vote at that meeting without unanimous consent of those present.

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