

Governance and Senate Operations Committee

Charge:

1. Review annually the Senate bylaws and prepare recommendations (resolutions) for revisions and additions to the bylaws.
2. Serve as a nominating committee (to the Senate) for faculty membership on all Senate committees and Senate offices.
3. Conduct Senate elections. That includes obtaining members' names, preparing ballots, requesting candidates for chairs of committees, etc. Preparations of all election material (both university and Senate) should be completed prior to the last Senate meeting of the Spring semester.
4. Conduct faculty elections to University Committees. That includes screening candidates to appear on ballots following rules applicable to the individual committees. See also (6) below. Requests for membership from faculty to university committees should be collected by April 1 and ballots should be prepared for the election meeting of the Senate. A Senator may need to be placed ex-officio on a University committee pertaining to matters that affect faculty members if there is no other Senate representation on that committee.
5. Designate a senator to act as liaison to university committees pertaining to matters that affect faculty. This senator would be ex-officio unless he/she were elected by the Senate as the faculty member to that committee.
6. In conjunction with the Office of Academic Affairs, maintain an updated roster of all Senate and university committees and distribute to all faculty in the university.
7. Conduct an annual review of the governance system of the university and make recommendations for needed change. Any proposed change to senate governance or operations by this committee that affects the faculty at large must be presented to the full faculty senate for consideration.

Membership:

Membership shall consist of at least one senator from each unit listed in the Faculty Senate Bylaws, II.C.1.