

**LSU Faculty Senate Resolution 05-02:
Amendments to Article IX of the Senate Bylaws**

(Presented at the Meeting of October 12, 2004 by Carruth McGehee)

For Pertinent Provisions in the Current Constitution and Bylaws,

See <http://www.math.lsu.edu/~mcgehee/FS/FSCB-IX.pdf>.

Send your comments to Claire Advokat, cadvoka@lsu.edu, or to another member of the Executive Committee.

Be it Resolved, that Article IX of the Faculty Senate Bylaws shall be amended as follows. It is understood that the changes will be implemented, and the new committees appointed and activated, over a period of time, at the discretion of the Executive Committee. It is also understood that the committees will be listed in Article IX in alphabetical order by name.

1. Delete the provisions for the Committee on Student Recruiting and Retention. Note: This committee has been relatively inactive. Its concerns will fall largely under the charge of the Educational Policy Committee.
2. Delete the provisions for the Public Relations Committee. Add the following passage, which establishes a new committee.

Communications and Development Committee

Charge

1. To assure an effective faculty role of advice and assistance to the appropriate University offices with regard to external and internal communications, and with regard to the development of material support from the private sector.
2. To consider public relations issues facing the University on the local, state, regional, and national levels.
3. To consider University programs of information for students; alumni; and prospective students, staff, and faculty.
4. To consider University recruitment of students, faculty, and staff.
5. To seek better communication of the University's message to all its various constituencies.
6. Each year, to select and take on at least one project in an area of concern related to its charge.

Membership

Seven faculty members representing a balance among disciplines, colleges, and schools; up to two graduate or upper-division undergraduate students; and up to two *ex officio* members selected jointly by the Provost and Executive Committee.

3. The passage on the Council of Policy Committees shall be replaced by the following:

Council of Policy Committees

Charge

1. To allow the policy committees of the various academic units to consult and to communicate with each other and with the Executive Committee.
2. To make recommendations to the Executive Committee on matters of interest to the Council, and on matters referred to it by the Executive Committee.

Membership

For the purposes of these provisions, a *college* is defined as an academic unit which is represented on the Senate, and which reports directly to the Provost.

Each policy committee of a college whose members are elected by the faculty of the unit, and which operates under written and duly adopted bylaws, shall be entitled to one representative on the Council, who shall be either the chair of the policy committee or the chair's designee. The Vice-President of the Faculty Senate will be a member *ex officio*. The Council will elect its own chair at its first meeting of each academic year. At times when there is no elected chair in place, the Senate Vice-President will be chair *pro tem*.

4. Delete the provisions for the Academic Computing Committee. Add the following passage, which establishes a new committee:

Information Technology and Services Committee

Charge

With regard to information technology and services that support teaching and research:

1. To assure an effective advisory role for the faculty; to encourage the use of faculty expertise.
2. To facilitate communication and cooperation between the faculty and the appropriate administrative offices.
3. To contribute to long-range planning.
4. Each year, to select and analyze a significant functional area of technology applications.
5. To consider questions and issues which may be referred to it by the Faculty Senate or the Executive Committee and to keep the Senate informed.

Membership

Seven faculty members representing a balance among disciplines, colleges, and schools; up to two graduate or upper-division undergraduate students; the chair of the Library Committee, or the designee thereof, *ex officio*; and up to two *ex officio* members appointed jointly by the Provost and Executive Committee. Preferably, the membership should include those faculty members who serve on other entities that deal with these areas of concern.

5. Modify the provisions for membership on the Library Committee by adding "the chair of the Information Technology and Services Committee, or the designee thereof, *ex officio*" --so that those provisions will read as follows:

Membership

Ten faculty members representing a balance among disciplines, colleges, and schools; one undergraduate student; one graduate student; the Dean of University Libraries, *ex officio*; and the chair of the Information Technology and Services Committee, or the designee thereof, *ex officio*.

6. Replace the current passage regarding the Faculty Personnel Policies Committee with the following passage. Note: This change and the next one distribute the current functions of the Faculty Personnel Policies Committee to two committees.

Faculty Personnel Policies Committee

Charge

1. To review and to make inquiries and recommendations regarding university personnel policies and procedures that affect faculty. The areas of concern include, but are not limited to, matters of appointment, review, promotion, advancement to tenure, salary structure, travel support, and sabbatical leave.
2. In particular, to consider the provisions for faculty participation in governance in such areas.
3. To perform functions assigned to it by University policy statements.
4. To consider and respond to questions and issues which may be referred to it by the Faculty Senate or the Executive Committee.
5. To identify and address problem areas of policy, procedure, and communication, but **not** to provide a grievance mechanism for particular cases.

Membership

Seven faculty members, representing a balance among disciplines, colleges, and schools; and up to two *ex officio* members appointed jointly by the Provost and Executive Committee.

7. Add the following passage, establishing a new committee:

Benefits Advisory Committee

Charge

1. To review, and to make inquiries and recommendations regarding, University retirement plans, health care, insurance programs, annual and sick leave, and other benefits.
2. To consult representatives of other University personnel on common interests in the matter of benefits.
3. To keep informed about the activities and plans of boards and other entities that govern and administer benefits programs affecting faculty.
4. To assure that faculty are informed about significant developments.

5. To consider and respond to questions and issues which may be referred to it by the Faculty Senate, the Executive Committee, or individual faculty.

Membership

Six faculty members and one retired faculty member, representing a balance among disciplines, colleges, and schools; and up to two *ex officio* members appointed jointly by the Provost and Executive Committee.

**Amendment to Resolution 05-02
Proposed by the Executive Committee October 27, 2004**

Replace the second paragraph under "Membership," in the provisions for the Council of Policy Committees, by the following:

Each policy committee of a college whose members are elected by the faculty of the unit, and which operates under written and duly adopted bylaws, shall be entitled to one representative on the Council. The representative will be chosen by the policy committee, and must be a voting member thereof throughout his or her membership on the Council. The usual term of service will be two years. Terms of service will be staggered as determined by the Council, so that approximately one-half of the representatives will begin their terms each year.