

ADMINISTRATIVE ORGANIZATION

FACULTY SENATE



Academic Affairs

BGC-B (Regulation)

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1. PURPOSE

This regulation's purpose is to establish the organization and procedures of the Faculty Senate.

2. DEFINITIONS

Academic Departments: For the purposes of this Regulation, the following shall be considered academic departments: Allied Health, Business/Public Service Careers, Fine Arts, Human Services Careers, Humanities, Industrial Technology, Math & Computer Science, Nursing, Science & Engineering, and Social Behavioral Science.

Dental Hygiene, Radiologic Technology, and Surgical Technology shall be considered part of the Allied Health department.

Public Service Careers shall be combined with another department until such time as it has enough faculty to provide two senators serving non-consecutive terms.

3. COMPOSITION OF FACULTY SENATE

Faculty Senate shall be composed of two representatives from each academic department. One representative shall be appointed by the College President; the department shall elect one. Terms of all senators begin on the first day of Fall Convocation.

4. APPOINTED SENATORS

4.1 On or before April 1, the Senate President shall notify each department chair or equivalent if the appointed senator for their department needs to be replaced. The department chair or equivalent must provide the Senate President with a list of at least two department faculty who are willing to represent the department on Faculty Senate. The Senate President shall provide the list to the College President who shall appoint one senator from the list provided by each department. Department chairs of Public Service Careers and Business shall work together to ensure appropriate representation of both departments.

4.2 Senators selected by the College President shall serve up to six (6) consecutive one-year terms unless not being reappointed by the College President, resignation, or removal for cause. After serving six years, the faculty member is removed from the

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senate and may not be reappointed before the second anniversary of the last day of the member's most recent term.)

5. ELECTED SENATORS

5.1 On or before April 1, the Senate President shall notify each department chair or equivalent if the elected senator for their department needs to be replaced. The department chair or equivalent shall hold an election to select their department's elected senator and provide the name to the Senate President. Chairs shall request volunteers from their department. If only one of the department's faculty members volunteers, that person shall be considered to have run unopposed. If more than one member volunteers, the department shall select its representative through a majority vote. Department chairs of Public Service Careers and Business shall work together to ensure appropriate representation of both departments.

5.2 Elected Senators shall serve a two-year term unless they resign or are removed for cause. After serving their term, an elected senator may not be re-elected before the second anniversary of the last day of the member's most recent term.

6. REMOVAL OF SENATORS

Any member of the faculty senate may be immediately removed from the senate for failing to conduct the member's responsibilities within the senate's parameters, failing to attend senate meetings, or engaging in other misconduct.

A member of the faculty senate may be removed on recommendation of the vice president for academic affairs and approval of the college president.

7. OFFICERS OF THE FACULTY SENATE

7.1 The officers of the Faculty Senate shall be known as the President, Vice President, and Secretary. The College President shall appoint the President, Vice President, and Secretary. Faculty in the role of department chairs or equivalent may not serve as officers of the Faculty Senate.

On or before May 1 of each year, the Faculty Senate President shall provide the College President with a list of officer vacancies, if any, and a list of senators who are willing to fill the vacancies. The College President shall choose the replacement officer(s) from the list, or, if there are no volunteers, shall choose from all Senators.

8. ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF THE INITIAL FACULTY SENATE

8.1 To effect the creation of the initial body of Senators and to create term staggering, within two weeks of the Effective Date of this regulation, each department chair or equivalent must provide the College President with a list of at least two department faculty who are willing to represent the department as a senator. The College President

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shall appoint one senator from the list provided by each department chair and shall notify the department chair of the decision.

The College President shall provide the Vice President of Academic Affairs with a complete list of appointed senators.

8.2 To effect the creation of the initial body of Senators and to create term staggering, within two weeks of the Effective Date of this regulation, each department chair or equivalent must hold an election to select their department's elected senator. Chairs shall request volunteers from their department. If only one of the department's faculty members volunteers, that person shall be considered to have run unopposed. If more than one member volunteers, the department shall select its representative through a majority vote. Immediately after the election, the department chair shall notify the Vice President of Academic Affairs of the results.

8.2.1 Initial elected senators from the following departments shall serve terms that end at the 2026 Fall Convocation:

Fine Arts, Industrial Technology, Math and Computer Science, Nursing, Social and Behavioral Science

8.2.2 Initial elected senators from the following departments shall serve terms that end at the 2027 Fall Convocation:

Humanities, Business/Public Service Careers, Human Services, Allied Health, and Science and Engineering

9. REGULATION OWNER

Vice President for Academic Affairs

10. FORMS/REFERENCE/EXHIBITS

BGC (Local) Policy – *Administrative Organization: Councils and Faculty Senates*

BGC-A (Regulation) - *Administrative Organization Plan: Shared Governance*

BCG (Exhibit) – *Faculty Senate Bylaws*

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