

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY  
**FACULTY SENATE**  
**CONSTITUTION**  
*As of Apr 4, 2019*

**PREAMBLE**

The purpose of this Constitution is to establish an orderly process whereby the University of Nebraska at Kearney (hereafter referred to as the University) faculty may share in the determination of university-wide educational, academic, and administrative policy.

The basic operational principle of the Constitution is that, under the Board of Regents By-Laws, and in accordance with the provisions for faculty governance in the By-Laws, the Faculty Senate represents the faculty regarding university-wide academic and administrative affairs, and shall act as the official voice of the general faculty of the University regarding areas of faculty interest and concern including the protection of academic freedom and on matters involving the well-being of the general academic community and the institution as a whole. All Faculty Senators shall represent and be concerned for the welfare of the entire institution regardless of their college and department affiliations.

**ARTICLE I – POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Article I.A. Powers**

Pursuant to the By-Laws of the Board of Regents, the powers and responsibilities of the Faculty Senate include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

**I.A.1.** Adopting its rules of procedure;

**I.A.2.** Acting as the official voice of the faculty as a whole;

**I.A.3.** Protecting academic freedom;

**I.A.4.** Providing for appeal to the Board in matters of academic freedom and faculty status, after normal administrative channels are exhausted, in accordance with applicable By-Laws of the Board of Regents and the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board of Regents and the UNK Education Association;

**I.A.5.** Advising on academic matters that affect more than one college;

**I.A.6.** Advising and consulting with students, staff, and administrative groups on matters of general concern, which include, but are not necessarily limited to:

**I.A.6.a.** Institutional planning and the determination and articulation of the role and mission of the University of Nebraska at Kearney,

47 **I.A.6.b.** The Budget of the University,

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49 **I.A.6.c.** The expenditure of funds allocated to instruction and research, and,

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51 **I.A.6.d.** The selection and reassignment of academic-administrative personnel with  
52 University-wide responsibilities;

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54 **I.A.7.** Acting on business specifically delegated to it by the Administration;

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56 **I.A.8.** Recommending candidates for honorary degrees;

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58 **I.A.9.** Recommending standards for admission and academic conduct of students.  
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60 **Article I.B. Administrative Offices, Officers, and Academic Officers**

61 The Faculty Senate shall review and evaluate the creation or reorganization of administrative  
62 offices, shall insure procedures for faculty participation in the selection of administrative officers,  
63 and shall participate in the review and evaluation of the performance of administrative officers.  
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65 **ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP, ELIGIBILITY, TERMS, AND ELECTIONS**  
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67 **Article II.A. Membership**

68 Two Senators-at-Large shall be elected by all faculty eligible to vote. Department Senators  
69 representing the university departments, as provided for in Article II.B.2., shall be elected by their  
70 eligible department faculty. One Senator shall be elected from and by the eligible Library faculty.  
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72 **Article II.B. Eligibility/ineligibility to serve as Senator-at-Large, Department Senator, and  
73 Standing Committee Faculty Member; College Apportionment; Terms of Office**

74 **General Eligibility:** In addition to specific eligibility requirements stated in this Constitution and  
75 By-Laws, to be eligible to serve as a Faculty Senator and/or as a faculty member of a Faculty  
76 Senate Standing Committee, faculty must be full-time, must be teaching at least one course during  
77 each semester, and the number of workload hours for the current semester and the previous  
78 academic semester must total at least nine hours. Faculty members engaged in research and/or  
79 faculty-related service, in lieu of teaching assignments, also are eligible to serve.

80 **Ineligibility:** The Faculty Senate is dedicated to representing the faculty perspective in the shared  
81 governance of the University of Nebraska at Kearney. Therefore, no person with a significant  
82 administrative appointment, including the position of Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Dean,  
83 Registrar, full-time Director, or their full-time-Associates/Assistants shall be eligible to serve as  
84 Faculty Senator or as a faculty member on a Faculty Senate Standing Committee.  
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86 **II.B.1. Senators-at-Large:** At no time shall the two Senators-at-Large include more than  
87 one Senator from the same department or the Library. All Senators elected at large shall be  
88 tenured, full-time faculty holding the professorial rank of Assistant Professor or above.  
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90 **II.B.2. Department Senators - Senators Representing departments:** Senators shall be  
91 elected by the faculty in each university department and will be apportioned as follows:  
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93 **II.B.2.a.** For the purposes of this section, a department shall be defined as a single  
94 administrative unit within a college and recognized as such by the Board of  
95 Regents. Departments comprised of multiple disciplines but recognized by the  
96 Board of Regents as a single unit within the college shall be considered a single  
97 department.  
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99 **II.B.2.a.1** Groups of faculty functioning as a department but not comprised  
100 of faculty from a recognized department may be granted representation by  
101 a two-thirds vote of those Senators present. Any such granting of  
102 representation shall be made at or before the first Senate meeting in April  
103 and shall remain in effect for three years beginning at the second Senate  
104 meeting in April. Once a group is granted representation, all other rights  
105 and responsibilities given to departments by the Senate shall also fall to this  
106 group.  
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108 **II.B.2.a.2** The Senators-at-Large will represent any faculty members not  
109 included in any other unit.  
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111 **II.B.2.b.** Each department shall, regardless of size, be entitled to one Senator as its  
112 representative except as described below.  
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114 **II.B.2.c.** Departments with fewer than five eligible faculty members may choose,  
115 for the purposes of Senate representation only, to merge with one other department,  
116 with that department's consent, and share a single Senate representative who shall  
117 represent both departments. Such a shared Senate representative shall be elected by  
118 and from the eligible faculty members of both departments. The decision to merge  
119 must be reported to the Parliamentarian prior to April 10<sup>th</sup> of each year and will  
120 remain in force until April 9<sup>th</sup> of the following year.  
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122 **II.B.2.d.** A department whose Senator will serve as the Senate President shall be  
123 allowed to elect a second Senator to better represent its faculty. Notification of such  
124 election shall be made to the Parliamentarian prior to the first September meeting  
125 and will remain in force throughout the original Senator's term as President.  
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127 **II.B.3. Library Senator:** The Library shall elect one Senator. Librarians holding  
128 professorial rank and full-time appointments are eligible to serve.  
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#### 130 **II.B.4. Senator Terms of Office**

131 Senators shall serve three-year terms, beginning at the last regular Faculty Senate  
132 meeting of the Spring and ending on the day before the last regular Faculty Senate  
133 meeting of the Spring Semester three years thereafter. The terms shall be arranged  
134 so that approximately one-third of the positions are filled by election each year.  
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140 **Article II.C. Election and Eligibility to Vote**

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142 **II.C.1. Election:** The Faculty Senate Oversight Committee, elected by and under the  
143 direction of the Faculty Senate, shall administer nominations and elections, as outlined in  
144 the By-Laws.

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146 **II.C.2. Eligibility to Vote:** Nomination and election of Senators-at-Large shall be  
147 restricted to eligible University of Nebraska at Kearney faculty. Nomination and election  
148 of Senators representing a department or the Library will be restricted to the eligible faculty  
149 of that department or the Library. Eligible voters are faculty who must be full-time,  
150 teaching at least one course during the current semester, and the number of workload hours  
151 for the current semester and the previous academic semester must total at least nine hours.  
152 Faculty members engaged in research and/or faculty-related service in lieu of teaching  
153 assignments, faculty on phased retirement in residence, and librarians holding professorial  
154 rank and full-time appointments, also are eligible.

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156 **ARTICLE III – OFFICERS AND FACULTY SENATE ORGANIZATION**

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158 **Article III.A. Officers**

159 The officers of the Senate shall consist of a President, a President-Elect, the immediate Past-  
160 President, and a Secretary, all to be chosen from the elected members of the Senate. Other offices  
161 may be established by the Senate as they become necessary. If the term of the President-Elect,  
162 President, or Past-President should expire while in office, then his/her Senate term is extended  
163 until the end of their term as Past-President. At that time, his/her Senate term will expire and the  
164 position will be filled at the next regular election.

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166 **III.A.1. Election of Officers:** The officers of the Senate shall be elected in accordance  
167 with the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate at the last regular Faculty Senate meeting of the  
168 Spring Semester.

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170 **III.A.2. Officers' Duties:** The duties of the officers shall be (a) those usual to their offices;  
171 (b) those designated specifically by the Faculty Senate as the need arises; and, (c) the  
172 following regular duties.

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174 *PRESIDENT* – Consults with other Faculty Senate Executive Committee members when  
175 immediate action is required in lieu of a Faculty Senate Meeting. Presents to the Faculty  
176 Senate:

- 177 (1) Reports on actions taken on behalf of the Faculty Senate;  
178 (2) A monthly President's Report, as stated in the By-Laws, Article I.B.3;  
179 (3) An annual Faculty Senate Status Report, as stated in the By-Laws, Article II.J.2;  
180 and  
181 (4) An annual Faculty Senate Plan of Action, as stated in the By-Laws, Article  
182 II.J.3.

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184 *PRESIDENT ELECT* – Records minutes of all Executive Committee Meetings. Serves on  
185 the Faculty Senate Professional Conduct Committee, and by October, requests appointment

186 of members from administrative offices and student organizations to appropriate Faculty  
187 Senate committees.

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189 *PAST PRESIDENT* – As outgoing President of the Senate, advises the President and other  
190 members of the Executive Committee. Serves on the Faculty Senate Oversight Committee.  
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192 *SECRETARY* – Records, prepares, and distributes the Faculty Senate Meeting Agenda and  
193 Minutes to faculty, deans, vice chancellors, the chancellor, and appropriate university  
194 system officials. Provides the UNK Library with copies of approved Faculty Senate  
195 Meeting Minutes. Prior to a scheduled Faculty Senate meeting, prepares and distributes to  
196 Faculty Senators an agenda, the minutes of the previous Faculty Senate meeting, and the  
197 minutes of appropriate Faculty Senate committee meetings. One week prior to a Faculty  
198 Senate meeting scheduled on the first Thursday or on the Monday prior to the last meeting  
199 in April, distributes the agenda to other faculty and appropriate campus administrators.  
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201 **III.A.3. Executive Committee:** The Faculty Senate President, President Elect, immediate  
202 Past President, Secretary, Parliamentarian, and one Senate representative shall constitute  
203 the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate President shall be the  
204 Chair of the Executive Committee.

205 Total: 6 members.  
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207 **III.A.4. Release time for Senate President:** The President of the Faculty Senate is eligible  
208 for a three workload hour release per semester to allow him/her to serve fully in the role of  
209 President. Any financial compensation to colleges or departments to cover the release shall  
210 be provided by the Chief Academic Officer.  
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## 212 **Article III.B. Organization of the Faculty Senate**

213 The Faculty Senate is composed of a general assembly of elected Senators, elected standing  
214 committees, and appointed ad hoc committees whose responsibilities are to maintain the system of  
215 shared governance at the University of Nebraska at Kearney.  
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217 **III.B.1. Parliamentarian:** A Parliamentarian shall be elected from the membership of the  
218 Senate. He/she shall serve a three-year term, unless his/her Senate term expires during that  
219 period in which case a new election will be held. He/she shall be elected by the Senate at  
220 the last regular Faculty Senate meeting of the Spring Semester to serve as arbiter and  
221 consultant on all questions of procedure, to serve as the Chair of the Senate Oversight  
222 Committee, to serve as interpreter of the Faculty Senate Constitution and By-Laws in  
223 consultation with the Oversight Committee, and to serve on the Executive Committee.  
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225 **III.B.2. By-laws:** The Senate shall form its own By-Laws pursuant to the By-Laws of the  
226 Board of Regents.  
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228 **ARTICLE IV – MEETINGS.** The Faculty Senate will meet regularly, and may hold  
229 special meetings, as provided in the By-Laws.  
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## 232 **ARTICLE V - FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEES**

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234 All Senate Committees shall be responsible to the Senate and shall regularly report their actions  
235 and recommendations to the Senate.

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237 **Article V.A. Standing Committee Member Elections and Terms:** Except for the Faculty  
238 Senate Executive Committee and the Faculty Senate Oversight Committee whose members are  
239 elected at the last Faculty Senate Meeting in April to serve one year terms, other Standing  
240 Committee members shall be elected in September to serve for a term of two years, beginning on  
241 the first day following the regular October Faculty Senate meeting at which standing committee  
242 elections are completed. The two-year terms shall be arranged so that approximately one-half of  
243 the positions are filled by election each year. [Student members are selected as described in the  
244 By-Laws and will serve one year terms beginning on the first day following the regular October  
245 Faculty Senate meeting.]

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### 247 **Article V.B. Required Committees**

248 Committees of the Senate shall include an Executive Committee, an Academic Freedom and  
249 Tenure Committee, a Grievance Committee, and a Professional Conduct Committee as required by  
250 the Board of Regents' By-Laws.

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### 252 **Article V.C. Other Committees**

253 Other Committees of the Senate may be authorized by Senate action. Their titles, duties, and  
254 membership shall be determined by the Senate. Standing Committees shall be provided for in the  
255 Faculty Senate By-Laws. Ad hoc Committees shall be created by action of the Faculty Senate.

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### 257 **Article V.D. Committee Minutes**

258 On a timely basis, the Chair of a Faculty Senate Committee shall provide all faculty and  
259 appropriate campus administrators with committee-approved meeting minutes, with items noted  
260 that require Faculty Senate action. In addition, at least ten days before a regular Faculty Senate  
261 Meeting held on the first Thursday of the month or by the Friday before the last Senate meeting in  
262 April, the Chair shall provide the Faculty Senate Secretary with these minutes for distribution to  
263 Faculty Senators prior to the meeting.

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## 266 **ARTICLE VI – FACULTY REFERENDA**

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268 The actions of the Faculty Senate shall be final, unless a referendum is called according to the  
269 following procedure:

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### 271 **Article VI.A. Referendum Request**

272 A request for a referendum shall be presented to the President of the Faculty Senate within 20 days  
273 of the publication of the minutes describing the Senate decision in question.

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275 **VI.A.1. Criteria for Request:** A referendum of the faculty shall be held if requested by  
276 the Chancellor of the University, or at least one-third of the Senate members, or at least  
277 twenty percent of the faculty upon presentation of a signed petition to the President of the  
278 Faculty Senate.

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280 **Article VI.A.2.** Referendum by Surface Mail or by Electronic Delivery: The Faculty  
281 Senate Oversight Committee shall arrange for the faculty referendum by surface mail or by  
282 electronic delivery.  
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284 **Article VI.B. Referendum Results**

285 The Senate shall abide by the results of the referendum.  
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287 **ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION**  
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289 Amendments to these articles may be adopted at any regular meeting of the Faculty Senate by a  
290 two-thirds vote of those present, provided any proposed amendment has been read at the preceding  
291 regular meeting.  
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293 UNK Faculty Senate Approval of Original Document: April 6, 2000  
294 UNK Faculty Senate Approval of Amendments to Original Document: April 5, 2001  
295 UNK Faculty Senate Approval of Revised Document: February 6, 2003  
296 UNK Faculty Senate Approval of Revised Document: October 2, 2003  
297 UNK Faculty Senate Approval of Revised Document: April 28, 2005  
298 UNK Faculty Senate Approval of Revised Document: November 3, 2005  
299 UNK Faculty Senate Approval of Revised Document: February 7, 2008  
300 UNK Faculty Senate Approval of Revised Document: March 6, 2008  
301 UN Board of Regents Approval of March 6, 2008 document: June 11, 2010  
302 UNK Faculty Senate Approval of Revised Document: April 25, 2013  
303 UN Board of Regents Approval of April 25, 2013 document: July 18, 2013  
304 UNK Faculty Senate Approval of Revised Document: April 3, 2014  
305 UNK Faculty Senate Approval of Revised Document: April 4, 2019  
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311 **BY-LAWS**  
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314 **ARTICLE I – POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

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316 **Article I.A. Policy Conflicts**

317 The policies of any program, department, college, or other administrative unit, or the conduct of  
318 individual professional personnel which appear in conflict with policies approved by the Faculty  
319 Senate or with the Constitution, must be referred to the Senate for consideration and appropriate  
320 action.  
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322 **Article I.B. Academic Review**

323 The Senate may review existing academic programs and new department and academic programs  
324 with University-wide impact, including majors and minors.  
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326 **Article I.C. Faculty Senate Committees – Delegation**

327 The Faculty Senate shall delegate such duties and responsibilities to its committees as it sees fit  
328 within the limits of its responsibilities described above.  
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330 **Article I.D. Communication of Faculty Senate Policies and Recommendations**

331 All academic policies and recommendations shall be transmitted through the proper channels to the  
332 Chancellor of the University. When differences exist between the positions taken by the  
333 Chancellor and the Senate on any of the said matters, the Chancellor shall meet with the Executive  
334 Committee of the Faculty Senate to resolve the differences. Unresolved differences shall be  
335 reported by the Senate President to the University of Nebraska President and to the Board of  
336 Regents.  
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338 **ARTICLE II – MEETINGS OF THE FACULTY SENATE**

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340 **Article II.A. Regular Meetings**

341 The Senate shall meet on the first Thursday of September, October, November, December,  
342 February, March, April, and the last Thursday of April. The Senate also shall be subject to call at  
343 other times.  
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345 **Article II.B. Special Meetings**

346 Special meetings may be called by the Faculty Senate President or at the request of the Executive  
347 Committee or of the Chancellor of the University, or at the written request of at least six members  
348 of the Senate.  
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350 **Article II.C. Open/Closed Meetings**

351 All Senate sessions shall be open to the public; provided, however, the Senate may by no less than a  
 352 majority vote of those present hold a closed session. Any person attending an open Senate session  
 353 may address the Senate after securing recognition of the President.

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355 **Article II.D. Quorum**

356 A quorum shall consist of a majority of the elected members of the Senate.

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358 **Article II.E. Attendance**

359 Attendance at Faculty Senate meetings by Senators is mandatory. Should a department or Library  
 360 Senator know in advance of an absence, the department or Library may appoint a proxy from its  
 361 unit to serve for a single meeting as its representative. Notice of such proxy must be given to the  
 362 Secretary seven days prior to the meeting. If a Senator misses or is represented by proxy at a total  
 363 of three regular meetings during the academic year, then the seat shall be considered vacated.

364 Notice of vacation of the seat will be made by the Secretary to the Parliamentarian. The  
 365 Parliamentarian shall consult with the affected department or Library to either re-affirm its  
 366 selection of the Senator or for the election of his/her replacement. Procedures for replacement of a  
 367 Senator-at-Large will follow the procedures as outlined in the By-Laws. If a Senator knows of a  
 368 conflict that will last for an entire semester, the Senator must notify the Faculty Senate Oversight  
 369 Committee that his/her seat is vacated for that semester only. If a Senator experiences  
 370 recurring/periodic semester-long scheduled conflicts, then that Senator must submit his/her  
 371 resignation to the Faculty Senate Oversight Committee. If a Senator knows in advance of a  
 372 scheduled conflict lasting longer than one semester, e.g., a university-approved professional-  
 373 development leave, then that Senator must notify the Faculty Senate Oversight Committee that  
 374 his/her seat is vacated for the specific period of the leave only.

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376 **Article II.F. Agenda**

377 An issue or recommendation shall be placed on the agenda when proposed by the Faculty Senate  
 378 President or the Chancellor, or by Senate Executive Committee action, a Faculty Senate  
 379 Committee, one-third of the Senators present and voting at a meeting, or a petition signed by no  
 380 fewer than ten faculty members.

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382 **Article II.G. Agenda Changes**

383 The Senate, while in session, may change the order of the agenda by a majority vote.

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385 **Article II.H. Meeting Minutes**

386 On a timely basis prior to a scheduled Faculty Senate Meeting, using electronic mail or other  
 387 means, the minutes of the previous Faculty Senate Meeting shall be distributed to appropriate  
 388 parties, including all faculty.

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390 **Article II.I. Order of Business**

391 Each regular Senate meeting shall include but not be limited to the following:

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a. Call to Order

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b. Roll Call

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c. Action on the Faculty Senate Minutes of the previous meeting

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d. Executive Committee Report. This Report shall include statements on the Executive

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Committee's regular monthly and special meetings with the Chancellor and Vice-

- 397 Chancellors, and on the disposition of all previous Senate decisions and/or  
 398 recommendations that have/have not come to closure.
- 399 e. Report of the President. This Report shall include statements on actions taken by the  
 400 Board of Regents, University administration, the Coordinating Commission on Post-  
 401 Secondary Education, and other matters of importance to the University community.
- 402 f. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees:  
 403 (1.) Submission for record and file of Committee Minutes  
 404 (2.) Submission of proposals for consideration by the Faculty Senate
- 405 g. Reports of Faculty Senate Special (Ad Hoc) Committees:  
 406 (1.) Submission for record and file of Committee Minutes  
 407 (2.) Submission of proposals for consideration by the Faculty Senate
- 408 h. Reports from Academic Councils
- 409 i. Reports of Faculty Senate Representatives to Non-Senate Committees
- 410 j. Unfinished Business and General Orders
- 411 k. New Business
- 412 l. General Faculty Comments
- 413 m. Adjournment
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#### 415 **Article II.J. President's Special Reports**

416 The Faculty Senate President shall present the following special written reports.

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418 **II.J.1. Meeting Reports to the Administration:** Immediately following a meeting of the  
 419 Senate, the President shall send a written summary to the Chancellor and the Senior Vice  
 420 Chancellor of Academic Affairs regarding the actions taken by the Senate.

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422 **II.J.2. Annual Faculty Senate Status Report:** An Annual Faculty Senate Status Report  
 423 shall be presented at the first Faculty Senate Meeting in April. This report shall include the  
 424 status of Senate recommendations for administrative actions, as well as the status of Senate  
 425 initiatives.

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427 **II.J.3. Annual Faculty Senate Plan of Action Statement:** A Faculty Senate Plan of  
 428 Action for the new academic year will be created with the advice of the Senate at its final  
 429 meeting held during the Spring Semester. This report shall be presented at the  
 430 Faculty/Staff Convocation held prior to the beginning of the Fall Semester.

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### 432 **ARTICLE III – ELECTION OF FACULTY SENATE OFFICERS AND** 433 **OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

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435 The Faculty Senate officers are the President, the President-Elect, the immediate Past President,  
 436 and the Secretary. These officers, the Parliamentarian, and an elected representative from the  
 437 Senate shall comprise the Executive Committee. The President-Elect, the Secretary, and the  
 438 Faculty Senate representative to the Executive Committee shall be elected annually for a one  
 439 year term by the Faculty Senate at the last regular meeting of the Spring Semester in accordance  
 440 with the election process conducted by the Oversight Committee.

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442 **Article III.A. Nominations of Officers**

443 Nominations for officers of the Senate may be submitted by any faculty member to the Faculty  
 444 Senate Oversight Committee Chair. Senate officers must be members of the Senate. The slate of  
 445 officers for the Executive Committee positions shall be prepared by the Oversight Committee,  
 446 with the consent of the nominees, prior to the elections held at the last regular Faculty Senate  
 447 meeting of the Spring Semester. Nominations may be made from the floor with the consent of  
 448 the nominee(s).

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450 **Article III.B. Executive Committee and Oversight Committee**

451 Members of the Executive Committee and the Oversight Committee shall be elected by ballot at  
 452 the last regular Faculty Senate meeting of the Spring Semester, which is held on the last  
 453 Thursday of April. Terms of office shall begin immediately after that meeting and continue until  
 454 the end of the last meeting of the Senate during the Spring Semester of the following year.

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456 **Article III.C. Chancellor's Liaison:** The Chancellor of the University may appoint a personal  
 457 representative to attend Faculty Senate meetings and to serve as liaison between the  
 458 Administration and the Faculty Senate.

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460 **ARTICLE IV - ELECTION PROCESSES OF THE FACULTY SENATE**

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462 The Faculty Senate Oversight Committee shall organize, conduct, and/or monitor the election  
 463 processes of all Senate and Standing Committee seats as required by the Faculty Senate  
 464 Constitution and in accordance with the following Faculty Senate Bylaws. For the purposes of  
 465 these bylaws, colleges shall be defined collectively as College of Business and Technology,  
 466 College of Education, College of Arts and Sciences.

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468 **Article IV.A. General**

469 In order to replace Faculty Senators whose terms expire on the Wednesday prior to the last  
 470 Thursday of April, the election of Faculty Senators shall be conducted during the Spring  
 471 Semester. The Faculty Senator(s)-at-Large shall be elected first, followed by the election of  
 472 Faculty Senators representing the departments and Library. Newly elected Faculty Senators  
 473 begin their terms at the Faculty Senate Meeting held on the last Thursday of April.

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475 In order to replace members of Faculty Senate Standing Committees whose terms expire  
 476 following the regular October Faculty Senate Meeting, each college shall elect its representatives  
 477 during September and the Faculty Senate shall elect its representatives during the October  
 478 Faculty Senate Meeting. Newly elected members of Faculty Senate Standing Committees begin  
 479 their terms immediately following the October Faculty Senate Meeting.

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481 **IV.A.1. Election Dates:** The Deans of the colleges will provide a list of eligible full-  
 482 time faculty, as of the end of the first week of the Fall Semester (for Standing Committee  
 483 elections) and Spring Semester (for Senator elections), to the appropriate college  
 484 representatives to the Oversight Committee. The Chair of the committee shall then meet  
 485 with the representatives to determine, as required in the Bylaws for the particular  
 486 election, faculty eligible to be nominated as Senator-at-Large, Department and Library  
 487 Senators, and Standing Committee members and to set a schedule of dates for  
 488 nominations and elections. The nomination and election processes for Senators must be

489 conducted and concluded between February 1 and April 15 of each year, with the exact  
490 dates for the nomination and election processes to be adjusted by the Oversight  
491 Committee in accordance with the specific dates of Spring Break. The nomination and  
492 election processes for College Standing Committee members must be conducted and  
493 completed between September 1 and September 30. A minimum of seven (7) calendar  
494 days must be provided for a nomination process to be completed and a minimum of seven  
495 (7) calendar days must be provided for an election process to be completed.

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497 **IV.A.2. Faculty Residency:** For purposes of distributing ballots to eligible voters, a  
498 faculty member shall be considered a member of the department in which the larger  
499 portion of that person's teaching load is assigned. Departmental membership, for the  
500 purposes of elections, shall be required of all personnel. A faculty member whose load is  
501 evenly divided between two departments or whose assignment is difficult to determine  
502 because of load fluctuations, shall declare department affiliation for purposes of voting  
503 and holding Senate office.

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505 **IV.A.3. Nomination Forms:** The Oversight Committee shall distribute Nomination  
506 Forms to eligible voters providing information regarding eligibility of nominees. The  
507 Nomination Form shall provide a space for the written consent of a nominee in order for  
508 that person to be included on an Election Ballot.

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510 **IV.A.3.a. Nominees:** After the results of the nomination process have been  
511 determined, the Faculty Senate Oversight Committee shall create and distribute an  
512 Election Ballot that lists the names of all consenting nominees as candidates for  
513 open seats.

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515 **IV.A.4. Validity of Election:** The Faculty Senate Oversight Committee is responsible  
516 for ensuring that all elections are fair and valid. Concerns about the validity of a  
517 department or Library Faculty Senate election should be directed to the Faculty Senate  
518 Oversight Committee. When the validity of a department or Library election is  
519 challenged, the Faculty Senate Oversight Committee shall decide whether the election  
520 results should stand or be invalidated. Concerns about the validity of a Senator-at-Large  
521 election should be directed to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. When the  
522 validity of a Senator-at-Large election is challenged, the Faculty Senate Executive  
523 Committee shall decide whether the election results should stand or be invalidated.

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525 **IV.A.4.a. Invalid Election:** In the event the Faculty Senate Oversight or  
526 Executive Committee rules that an election is invalid, the faculty members whose  
527 Senate or Faculty Senate Standing Committee positions are being filled by the  
528 election will continue to serve until a new election is conducted.

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530 **IV.A.4.b. Corrective Election:** In the event that the Faculty Senate Oversight  
531 Committee rules that a department or Library election is invalid, the Faculty  
532 Senate Oversight Committee will conduct a new election as soon as possible in  
533 accord with the constitutionally specified procedures. In the event that the  
534 Faculty Senate Executive Committee rules that a Senator-at-Large election is  
535 invalid, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee will appoint an ad hoc

536 committee whose sole task is to conduct a new election as soon as possible in  
 537 accord with the constitutionally specified procedures.

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539 **Article IV.B. Vacancies and Temporary Replacements**

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541 **IV.B.1. Vacancies Caused by Resignation, Change in Faculty Status, or Excessive**  
 542 **Absences:** Vacancies in seats held by regularly elected Senators-at-Large shall be filled by  
 543 election of a temporary replacement by Senators at the next regular Faculty Senate  
 544 meeting. At that meeting, the Faculty Senate Oversight Committee shall present a nominee  
 545 to the Senate, in accordance with the Faculty Senate By-Laws, and invite nominations from  
 546 the floor in order to elect a temporary replacement to serve until the next regularly  
 547 scheduled Faculty Senate election. During that election, faculty eligible to vote will elect a  
 548 permanent replacement to complete the remainder of the original term of the Senator being  
 549 replaced. Should the Senator whose seat was vacated wish to be re-elected to the seat, they  
 550 must present to the Oversight Committee, prior to the next Senate meeting, such  
 551 explanations of the absences to justify their re-election. The Oversight Committee will  
 552 consider the evidence and make a recommendation to the Senate concerning the re-election  
 553 of a Senator-at-Large to their vacated seat.

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555 **IV.B.2. Vacancies Caused by University-Approved Professional Development Leave**  
 556 **or Required Absences:** Although elections to fill vacancies must be held as stated in  
 557 Article IV.B.1., when possible, the replacement of a Senator who is on a university-  
 558 approved professional development leave or required absence shall be for the specific  
 559 period of the leave/absence only, thereby allowing the Senator to return at the completion  
 560 of the leave/absence to his/her seat for the remainder of his/her term.

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562 **IV.B.3. Temporary Replacements:** If the replacement of a Senator-at-Large or Standing  
 563 Committee member is necessary, the Chair of the Faculty Senate Oversight Committee  
 564 shall ask the faculty member who received the next highest number of votes during the  
 565 most recent Faculty Senate election for permission to nominate him/her to the Senate as the  
 566 replacement. If that person declines, or if there was no runner-up, the Faculty Senate  
 567 Oversight Committee shall select a nominee and announce, if possible, by campus e-mail to  
 568 Senators the impending election of a replacement. The Oversight Committee shall conduct  
 569 the election at the next regular Faculty Senate meeting. Nominations from the floor will be  
 570 allowed. All nominations must be with the consent of the candidates.

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573 **ARTICLE V – ELECTION OF SENATORS-AT-LARGE, DEPARTMENT**  
 574 **AND LIBRARY SENATORS**

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576 **Article V.A. Senators-at-Large**

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578 **V.A.1. Nominations:** By the beginning of the third week of February, the Chair of the  
 579 Oversight Committee shall provide each eligible faculty member a Nominating Form.  
 580 The Nominating Forms shall include a list of all eligible faculty members as provided for  
 581 in the Constitution, Article II.B., and the By-Laws, Article I.B. Nomination Forms shall

582 be distributed by surface mail or by electronic delivery in order to determine the  
 583 nominees for Senator-at-Large. Faculty may nominate, with the written consent of the  
 584 nominee(s) on the Form, as many persons as are to be elected. This Form must be  
 585 returned within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the Form. Only those faculty who  
 586 have been nominated and who have consented to be nominated on the Nomination Form  
 587 will be listed as candidates on the Election Ballot for Senator-at-Large; there will be no  
 588 write-in candidates allowed.

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 590 **V.A.2. Elections:** Election Ballots for Senator(s)-at-Large shall be distributed by surface  
 591 mail or be electronic delivery under the direction of the Chair of the Oversight  
 592 Committee Within fourteen (14) calendar days after the initial distribution of the  
 593 Nominating Forms, the Chair shall provide the eligible faculty with the nomination  
 594 process results on election ballots which list all nominees who have consented to be  
 595 candidates for each open position.

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 597 **V.A.3. Election Results:** At the conclusion of the election process, those persons  
 598 receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected, providing that not more  
 599 than one Senator-at-Large is from a single department. In that event, the person receiving  
 600 the next largest number of votes shall be declared elected. The Chair of the Oversight  
 601 Committee shall notify the candidates of the election results prior to March 15 and  
 602 announce the results to the faculty prior to the beginning of the third week of March.

## 603 604 **Article V.B Department Senators and Library Senator**

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 606 **V.B.1. Selection Process:** The nomination and election process will be controlled by the  
 607 departments and Library with oversight provided by the college representatives on the  
 608 Oversight Committee. While the election process may be as formal or informal as the  
 609 department or Library policies dictate, all Senators should be elected by and from their  
 610 representative unit.

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 612 **V.B.2. Election Results:** At the conclusion of the election process, those persons  
 613 receiving the largest number of votes shall be declared elected. All election results from  
 614 the departments and Library shall be reported to the appropriate college representative on  
 615 the Oversight Committee. The result of the Library election shall be reported to the  
 616 Parliamentarian. All election results will be reported to the candidates and faculty on or  
 617 prior to April 15.

## 618 619 **ARTICLE VI – ELECTION OF FACULTY SENATE STANDING** 620 **COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### 621 622 **Article VI.A. Nomination and Election Processes**

623 The Faculty Senate Oversight Committee shall conduct elections for college and library  
 624 representatives to Faculty Senate Standing Committees during September.

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 626 **VI.A.1. Faculty Residency:** See By-Laws, Article IV.A.2.

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628 **VI.A.2. Nominations:** Faculty members chosen to serve on Standing Committees will  
629 be nominated, based on the composition of the committee, by the faculty of their college  
630 or the Library, or by the Faculty Senate Oversight Committee, or by the members of the  
631 Faculty Senate, as appropriate.

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633 **VI.A.2.a. College and Library Representatives:** The nomination process shall  
634 be conducted between September 1-15. The college representative serving on the  
635 Faculty Senate Oversight Committee shall be responsible for conducting the  
636 nomination process within his/her respective college. The Library representative  
637 to the Oversight Committee shall be responsible for the nominating process for  
638 the Library representatives. In the case of a conflict, the Parliamentarian shall  
639 designate another member of the Oversight Committee to conduct the election.  
640 The Oversight Committee member shall provide each eligible faculty member  
641 with a Nominating Form on which he/she may nominate, with the written consent  
642 of the nominee(s) on the Form, as many persons as are to be elected. This Form  
643 must be returned within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the Form.  
644 Nomination Forms shall be distributed by surface mail or by electronic delivery in  
645 order to determine the nominees for the Standing Committees.

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647 **VI.A.2.b. Faculty Senate Representatives:** After the election process has been  
648 completed for college and library representatives for Faculty Senate Standing  
649 Committees, the Faculty Senate Oversight Committee shall prepare a slate of  
650 nominees for the Faculty Senate positions on the Standing Committees. After  
651 consultation with the Executive Committee, this slate of nominees will be  
652 presented at the October meeting of the Faculty Senate.

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654 **VI.A.3. Elections:** Faculty members chosen to serve on Standing Committees will be  
655 elected, based on the composition of the committee, by the faculty of their college or the  
656 Library or by the members of the Faculty Senate, or elected/appointed by the  
657 administration, as appropriate. Students will be selected/appointed by the Student Senate  
658 or by other Student bodies, as appropriate.

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660 **VI.A.3.a. College and Library Representatives:** The elections shall be  
661 conducted between September 16-30. The college representative serving on the  
662 Faculty Senate Oversight Committee shall be responsible for conducting the  
663 election process for his/her college. The Library representative to the Oversight  
664 Committee shall be responsible for the nominating process for the Library  
665 representatives. In the case of a conflict, the Parliamentarian shall designate  
666 another member of the Oversight Committee to conduct the election. The  
667 Oversight Committee member shall provide each eligible faculty member with an  
668 Election Ballot by surface mail or electronic ballot. This Form must be  
669 returned/completed within seven (7) calendar days after receipt of the ballot. All  
670 faculty who have been nominated and who have consented to be nominated on the  
671 Nomination Form will be listed as candidates on the Election Ballot. There will be  
672 no write-in candidates on the election ballot.  
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674 **VI.A.3.b. Faculty Senate Representatives:** The Faculty Senate Oversight  
 675 Committee shall conduct the elections, by ballot, for these positions during the  
 676 October meeting of the Faculty Senate from the slate of nominees it has submitted  
 677 and from nominations received from the floor.  
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679 **Article VI.B. Committee Vacancies:** The process outlined for filling vacancies in the Faculty  
 680 Senate will be used to fill committee vacancies. See By-Laws, Article IV.B1., IV.B.2, and  
 681 IV.B.3. regarding Vacancies.  
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683 **Article VI.C. Committee Replacements:** The process outlined to replace Faculty Senators  
 684 will be used to replace committee members. See By-Laws, Article, IV.B.3. regarding  
 685 Replacements.  
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687 **Article VI.D. First Committee Meeting of the Academic Year**

688 The President of the Faculty Senate shall designate a member of the Executive Committee to call  
 689 the first meeting of the Standing committee during October and to notify all members of the time  
 690 and place at least three days in advance of the meeting. The purpose of that meeting shall be to  
 691 elect a faculty member as Chair and to discuss the Committee's charge, prior to conducting  
 692 regular committee business.  
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694 **Article VI.E. Subcommittees**

695 A Standing Committee may establish appropriate subcommittees. Any faculty member,  
 696 administrator, or student may serve on subcommittees.  
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698 **Article VI.F. Committee Meeting Notice and Quorum**

699 The Committee shall establish a regular meeting time, or the Committee Chair shall notify all  
 700 members of the time and place of a regular Standing Committee meeting at least three days in  
 701 advance of the meeting. A minimum of 40 percent of the Standing Committee membership must  
 702 be present in order to conduct official business.  
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704 **Article VI.G. Attendance**

705 The attendance at Standing Committee meetings shall follow the attendance rules of the Faculty  
 706 Senate, as stated in the By-Laws, Article II. E.  
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709 **ARTICLE VII – FACULTY SENATE STANDING COMMITTEES:**  
 710 **Responsibilities and Composition**  
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712 The Faculty Senate Standing Committees function as an important part of the shared governance  
 713 at the University of Nebraska at Kearney and provide the Faculty Senate with information  
 714 relative to their charges. These committees shall perform the charges stated below and any  
 715 additional charges assigned by the Faculty Senate.  
 716

717 **Article VII.A. Executive Committee**

718 Enacts and monitors the status of Senate recommendations and serves as a liaison with the  
 719 University of Nebraska at Kearney administration. Meets regularly with the Administration.  
 720 Acts as a committee on behalf of the Senate when immediate action is required. Reviews Senate



721 Committee minutes for items requiring Faculty Senate action. Prepares responses to Senate  
 722 directions. Prepares and distributes the agenda for Senate meetings. Presents to the Senate an  
 723 annual report of the Chancellor's Strategic Planning Committee activities for comment by the  
 724 Senate. During October, the Executive Committee shall meet with the Chairs of the Standing  
 725 Committees to discuss the role of their respective committees in implementing the Annual Plan  
 726 of Action presented by the Faculty Senate President at the Fall Convocation.

727 *COMPOSITION:* The Faculty Senate President, the President-Elect, the Secretary of the Senate,  
 728 the immediate Past President, the Parliamentarian and one member elected annually by the  
 729 Senate from its membership. The President of the Senate shall be Chair of the Executive  
 730 Committee. If the immediate Past President is unable to serve on the Executive Committee, the  
 731 Executive Committee may appoint, with the approval of the Senate, a member of the previous  
 732 Executive Committee to serve as a replacement.

733 Total: 6 members.

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### 735 **Article VII.B. Academic Affairs Committee**

736 Serves as a safeguard against needless curricular duplication of courses and programs by: a)  
 737 receiving notification of undergraduate courses and programs of study after they have been  
 738 approved by the curriculum committee of the undergraduate college, (b) reviewing course  
 739 proposals in intercollegiate and multidisciplinary areas within the University, and (c) making  
 740 specific policy proposals for curriculum development and coordination to educational policy  
 741 committees of the undergraduate colleges. Proposes policy statements for University-wide  
 742 academic issues. Maintains liaison with the Graduate College so as to coordinate undergraduate  
 743 and graduate curricula and programs. Reviews actions taken by the General Studies Council.  
 744 Considers any other academic question as directed by the Faculty Senate or the Senior Vice-  
 745 Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

746 *COMPOSITION:* The Chief Academic Affairs Officer, the Graduate Dean, the Registrar, (or  
 747 their respective designees) two elected faculty members from different departments of each  
 748 undergraduate college, one elected Library faculty member, one faculty representative elected  
 749 from and by the Faculty Senate, and two students with majors in different fields selected by the  
 750 Student Senate. . Total: 13 members.

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### 752 **Article VII.C. Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee**

753 Acts on matters of general policy concerning academic freedom and tenure, pursuant to Section  
 754 4.14 of the By-Laws of the Board of Regents. The Committee will have oversight  
 755 responsibilities to ensure that University-wide rank and tenure standards and procedures are  
 756 applied uniformly by the undergraduate colleges. The Chair, in conjunction with the Chair of the  
 757 Grievance Committee, the Chair of the Professional Conduct Committee, and the President of  
 758 the University of Nebraska at Kearney Education Association, shall receive and review issues  
 759 relative to academic freedom, tenure, professional conduct, and grievances and decide on the  
 760 appropriate Faculty Senate Standing Committee to which to refer the issues.

761 *COMPOSITION:* One tenured faculty member holding the rank of associate professor or full  
 762 professor from and elected by each undergraduate college and three tenured faculty members  
 763 from the Senate holding the rank of associate professor or professor selected by the Faculty  
 764 Senate. Total: 6 members.

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766 **Article VII.D. Academic Information Technology Committee**

767 Serves as the UNK Teaching, Learning, and Technology Roundtable that advises administration  
768 and faculty, shares information, coordinates plans, and suggests means for using technology to  
769 improve teaching and learning.

770 *COMPOSITION:* One faculty member from and elected by each undergraduate college, one  
771 faculty member from and elected by the library faculty, and one faculty member from and  
772 selected by the Faculty Senate, the Chief Information Technology Officer, the Dean of Libraries,  
773 and one student selected by the Student Senate. Total: 8 members.

774

775 **Article VII.E. Artists and Lecturers Committee**

776 Develops and supervises a program of events in support of the academic and cultural objectives  
777 of the University.

778 *COMPOSITION:* One faculty member from and elected by each undergraduate college, one  
779 faculty member elected by the Faculty Senate, one student selected by the Student Senate, and  
780 one student selected by the Loper Programming and Activities Council. Total: 6 members.

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782 **Article VII.F. Athletic Committee**

783 Reviews and makes recommendations on Department of Intercollegiate Athletics policies,  
784 programs, and practices to ensure that they are consistent with the educational mission of the  
785 University and that they are supportive of student athletes in their academic as well as athletic  
786 endeavors.

787 *COMPOSITION:* The Director of Athletics, the Institutional Representative to the NCAA, the  
788 Senior Women's Athletic Administrator, three male and three female faculty members elected by  
789 the Faculty Senate, and one student selected by the Student Senate. Total: 10 members.

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791 **Article VII.G eCampus Committee**

792 Reviews and makes recommendations to the office in charge of eCampus on policies, programs,  
793 and practices to ensure that they are consistent with the educational mission of the University of  
794 Nebraska at Kearney and the client groups it serves.

795 *COMPOSITION:* One faculty representative from and elected by each undergraduate  
796 college, one graduate faculty representative chosen by the Graduate Council, and one  
797 representative from each of the following: the Faculty Senate, Calvin T. Ryan Library,  
798 the Dean of Student Life Office, and the office in charge of eCampus. Total: 8 members.

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800 **Article VII.H. Faculty Welfare Committee**

801 Advises the UNK Faculty Senate and the authorized professional negotiating organization on all  
802 matters concerned with faculty personnel policies including faculty work loads, conditions of  
803 employment, remuneration, salaries, and fringe benefits unless such matters are specifically  
804 assigned to the professional negotiating organization.

805 *COMPOSITION:* One tenured faculty member from and selected by the Faculty Senate  
806 Executive Committee, one tenured faculty member from and elected by each undergraduate  
807 college, one tenured faculty member from and elected by the library faculty, and one tenured  
808 faculty member from and selected by the officers of the authorized professional negotiating  
809 organization of the faculty. Total: 6 members.

810

811 **Article VII.I. Grievance Committee**

812 Conducts hearings and makes recommendations in accordance with the grievance procedure  
 813 stated in the Section 4.13 of the Board of Regents By-Laws and in the negotiated agreement.  
 814 The Chair, in conjunction with the Chair of the Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee, the  
 815 Chair of the Professional Conduct Committee, and the President of the UNKEA, shall receive  
 816 and review issues relative to academic freedom, tenure, professional conduct, and grievances and  
 817 decide on the appropriate Faculty Senate Standing Committee to which to refer the issues.  
 818 *COMPOSITION:* The Faculty Senate Representative to the Executive Committee and two  
 819 tenured faculty members from and elected by each undergraduate college who currently have no  
 820 full or part-time administrative duties (e.g., are not serving as Chair, Director, or Associate Dean,  
 821 Dean, Provost, Vice-Chancellor or Chancellor). If the Faculty Senate Representative is ineligible  
 822 to serve because of the aforementioned administrative duties, a replacement shall be appointed  
 823 by the Executive Committee. Total: 7 members.

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825 **Article VII.J. Library Committee**

826 Recommends the procedure by which funds are allocated to the colleges and advises the  
 827 University administration on the formulation and implementation of Library policy.  
 828 *COMPOSITION:* One faculty member from and elected by each undergraduate college, the Dean  
 829 of Libraries, the Chief Information Technology Officer or representative, one member selected  
 830 by the Graduate Council, and one student selected by the Student Senate. Total: 7 members.

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832 **Article VII.K. Oversight Committee**

833 Oversees the implementation of the Faculty Senate Constitution and By-Laws in order to ensure  
 834 that the basic operational principle of the Faculty Senate as specified in the Constitution  
 835 Preamble is upheld throughout its various functions. Conducts periodic and/or requested reviews  
 836 for consideration. Organizes and monitors the election processes of all Senate seats and standing  
 837 committee seats as required by the Faculty Senate Constitution. Prepares and distributes,  
 838 following the regularly scheduled Faculty Senate annual elections, the annual Faculty Senate  
 839 Roster identifying Senators, members of Faculty Senate Standing and Ad Hoc Committees, and  
 840 Senate representatives to university/administrative committees.  
 841 *COMPOSITION:* One member of the Senate from each of the three undergraduate colleges and  
 842 the Library, the Senate Past-President, the Senate Representative to the Executive Committee,  
 843 and the Senate Parliamentarian who shall chair the committee. Total: 7 members.

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845 **Article VII.L. Professional Conduct Committee**

846 Acts in matters of alleged professional misconduct, pursuant to Section 4.15 of the Board of  
 847 Regents By-Laws. The Chair, in conjunction with the Chair of the Academic Freedom and  
 848 Tenure Committee, the Chair of the Grievance Committee, and the President of the UNKEA,  
 849 shall receive and review issues relative to academic freedom, tenure, professional conduct, and  
 850 grievances and decide on the appropriate Faculty Senate Standing Committee to which to refer  
 851 the issues.  
 852 *COMPOSITION:* President-Elect of the Faculty Senate, one faculty representative, tenured and  
 853 holding the rank of Assistant Professor or above, elected from and by the Faculty Senate, one  
 854 faculty representative, tenured and holding the rank of Assistant Professor or above, from and  
 855 elected by each undergraduate college, and two administrative and/or managerial/professional  
 856 staff representatives elected by the Staff Senate. Total: 7 members.

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858 **Article VII.M. Student Affairs Committee**

859 Acts with respect to matters of general concern relating to student affairs, especially with regard  
860 to areas of joint student/faculty concern.

861 COMPOSITION: Dean of Student Life, Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs, one dean  
862 selected by the Dean's Council, one faculty member from each undergraduate college and the  
863 Library and four students-selected by the Student Senate to be one student from each  
864 undergraduate college and one student from the Graduate College. Total: 11 members.

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866 **ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENT OF THE BY-LAWS**

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868 Amendments to these By-Laws may be adopted at any regular meeting of the Faculty Senate by  
869 a two-thirds vote of those present, provided any proposed amendment has been read at the  
870 preceding regular meeting.

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872 **ARTICLE IX - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

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874 The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Faculty Senate in all cases to  
875 which they are applicable and are consistent with the Constitution and any special rules of order  
876 that the Senate may adopt.

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878 **Article IX.A. Special Rules of Order:** The Senate may adopt special rules of order governing  
879 the conduct of the Senate Meetings as the first item of business at the first meeting of the Fall  
880 Semester. Special Rules of Order may be adopted or amended with a two-thirds vote of those  
881 present or a majority vote of all members. Temporary suspension of the Special Rules of Order  
882 will require a two-thirds vote of those present.

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