

Proposed Bylaws Revisions for Consideration by the Faculty Senate

Note: Yellow shaded, blue text indicates proposed new verbiage; strike-through text indicates proposed deletions.

The current Faculty Senate Bylaws are online at <http://senate.oregonstate.edu/bylaws>.

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Sec. 2. Duties. The duties of the various officers shall be specified in these Bylaws and in the parliamentary authority adopted by the Faculty Senate. The primary duties of the officers shall be as follows:

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Rationale: In the last two years, this committee has been requested four times. Because the only reference to this committee appears in the Faculty Handbook, it is being proposed to be included as a duty of the Faculty Senate President.

ARTICLE VII: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1. Membership: The Executive Committee shall consist of the Senate President, the Senate President-Elect, the Immediate Past Senate President, the senior IFS Senator, and the Provost and Executive Vice President, or that person's designee, as Ex-Officio members; and six others elected who are now, or ~~have been during the six years prior to the election year~~ **previously have served as a** members of the OSU Faculty Senate. The elected Executive Committee members shall retain their Faculty Senate seats for the remainder of their Senate terms.

Sec. 4. Term of Office and Vacancies. ~~Senators~~ **Faculty members** elected to open positions on the Executive Committee shall be installed at the first regular Faculty Senate meeting of each Calendar year and shall serve a term of two years or until a successor has been duly installed. ~~Three new members shall be elected each year, with three continuing.~~ **Nominally, one-half of the six Executive Committee members shall be elected each fall. Should more than three vacancies need to be filled, Senators shall elect enough new EC members to bring the membership total to six.** An elected member who, at the completion of his/her term, will have served on the Executive Committee for more than eighteen (18) months, shall be ineligible for re-election for two years.

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Recall or Rescind, according to procedures identified in Article VI, Sec. 4; or (5) non-participation due to non-attendance of meetings. A member missing three meetings during the term, unless deemed an excused absence by vote of the Executive Committee.

Vacancies ~~in the elected member position(s)~~ **occurring between January 1 and October 31** shall be filled for the period to complete the term ~~at the discretion of the Executive Committee~~ by the candidate who, in descending order, received the next highest number of votes in the most recent election. **Vacancies occurring after October 31 shall be identified via the Fall election process and the term shall begin in January. Should this process fail to produce a candidate, an OSU faculty member, who previously has served as a member of the OSU Faculty Senate, shall be identified by the Faculty Senate President and confirmed by the Executive Committee for the period to complete the term.**

Rationale:

- *'Senators' is outdated language that refers to a period when Executive Committee nominees must have been a Senator. Currently, one must have been a Senator within the last six years, hence, 'Faculty' is more appropriate.*
- *The Bylaws don't provide for a situation where there are more than three Executive Committee vacancies.*
- *The Bylaws don't provide for a situation where there are no Executive Committee candidates available from the last election to fill vacancies.*
- *Changing the eligibility requirements makes the Executive Committee consistent with eligibility of the President-Elect.*

Clean Copy of the Proposed Revisions
As they would appear in the approved Bylaws

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