

### **Agenda Item 8a**

#### **Converting C3 from an Ad Hoc to a Standing Committee within the Faculty Senate. From Selina Heppell, FS President**

Hi Keith and Shelly -

Vickie can correct me if I am wrong here:

- So if we make the change on July 1, can Shelly and I continue as Co-Chairs for the 2021-22 year? We were originally appointed for 2 years. [Your term would actually extend to a third year, in this case, because standing committee members are appointed for 3 year terms.](#)
- Would co-chairs be allowed? [Yes. They can be optional or required, according to the standing rules that we develop with you.](#)
- Would the Ad Hoc to Standing change have to be approved first by the EC, and then a full vote of the Faculty Senate (before the end of the 2020-21 academic year)? [I believe so - EC for sure - we can make this happen!](#)

**From:** Heppell, Selina S <[selina.heppell@oregonstate.edu](mailto:selina.heppell@oregonstate.edu)>

**Sent:** Sunday, January 17, 2021 12:41 PM

**Cc:** Nunnemaker, Vickie <[vickie.nunnemaker@oregonstate.edu](mailto:vickie.nunnemaker@oregonstate.edu)>

**Subject:** FW: Ad Hoc C3 to Standing Committee

Dear Keith and Shelly,

I asked Vickie to help me with answers to your questions – please see below. She is happy to work with you on the process for conversion to a standing committee, if you decide that is the best way forward. We can also plan a meeting with the EC to discuss membership and Standing Rules.

Best,  
Selina

**From:** Jayawickrama, Keith J.S. <[keith.jayawickrama@oregonstate.edu](mailto:keith.jayawickrama@oregonstate.edu)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, January 13, 2021 3:02:57 PM

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**Subject:** Ad Hoc C3 to Standing Committee

Hi Selina,

We would like to explore the pros and cons of converting C3 to a Standing Committee in the Faculty Senate (as you kindly suggested in your email of yesterday), with a view of discussing this at our next meeting on January 28. Would you please brief us on what would change for C3? For example:

- Would the current members and co-chairs have to step down and new members and co-chairs be appointed?
  - o [No, the current members and co-chairs would continue.](#)
- Would our relationship to FS and EC change?
  - o [I believe that the only change would be that the C3 would have an EC liaison who would be included on the listserv, and may attend meetings to get a better understanding of what the C3 does, but likely not on a regular basis, unless there are issues for which you would like an EC perspective. The liaison would be a go-between for the C3 and EC. All Senate standing committees and councils have an EC liaison, as do all other Senate task forces, work groups or ad hoc committees.](#)
- Would we report more or less frequently?
  - o [Standing Committee leaders meet with the Faculty Senate President Elect and their EC liaison in the fall and provide a Committee Report at the end of the academic year, due in July. That includes activities and actions taken during the prior year as well as recommendations for the coming year.](#)
- Would membership have to be expanded or reduced?

- o The EC would need to review the current membership and determine whether the C3 would need to be expanded or reduced, based on current diversity of membership and your recommendations. This would be an opportunity to add a second student seat, to accommodate an undergrad and grad student member as you have requested.
- Would membership duration change?
  - o Membership on Senate committees/councils are three-year staggered terms, with about 1/3 retiring each year. Chairs are one-year terms, with the possibility of reappointment.
- Would the membership appointment mechanism change?
  - o Yes, as with other standing committees/councils, potential members would apply to serve on the C3 via the Committee Interest Form that is distributed in spring term, and the EC would appoint the members. However, who is appointed would also depend upon how the Standing Rules are written. For instance, a requirement could be for those who are actively engaged in X, or there could be a requirement that there be a representative from every college or apportionment unit. This would also allow student representation by both an undergraduate and graduate student. Your current leaders and members can help develop those Standing Rules.
- What would be the timing for such a conversion if we decide to ask for it?
  - o The timing for the change would be July 1, so we would need to work on this in the spring.
  - o If the C3 were to become a standing committee, Standing Rules would need to be created and approved by the EC and Faculty Senate.

While not the deciding factor, indications are that carbon neutrality in 2025 will not be achieved (barring some extraordinary improvement in the trajectory), so the original plan to dis-establish C3 in 2026 may need to be revisited.

- Because we're anticipating that the sunset date will not be able to be achieved due to the enormous amount of work that is needed, this is the primary impetus to transition the C3 to a standing committee which would give it more credence since it would be a permanent committee rather than have a temporary status.

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**From: Dorbolo, Jon Louis (Founder Chair, C3, Former President, Faculty Senate)**

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2021 3:11 PM

**To:** Jayawickrama, Keith J.S. <[keith.jayawickrama@oregonstate.edu](mailto:keith.jayawickrama@oregonstate.edu)>

Keith,

I doubt that the present committee would be disbanded. The new membership for standing committees is done in the summer. Creating a new standing committee will need to go through Faculty Senate, I believe. It will be positive to re-constitute the C3 on current grounds and in a time of strength with Presidential support.

Select a standing committee and you can see the Standing Rules of that committee. That is how the membership is defined. Changes in standing rules go through the full Faculty Senate for approval.

Functionally I do not think there is a major difference between committee types with regards to outcomes. It all depends upon the energy and organization of the committee. It may be easier and more flexible to remain an Ad Hoc committee but change the description to lengthen the term of the committee (maybe till 2035) given an argument for doing so. I picked 2025 only because the main argument for the committee (in a time when leaders were arguing to reduce committees – and yes I got opposition – was to align with the 2025 deadline for the President's Carbon Commitment). But now Pres Ray is gone and Pres Alexander may have another vision. I'd find a way to communicate with Alexander to get his sustainability goals and gain his support).

Jon

**From:** Dorbolo, Jon Louis <[jon.dorbolo@oregonstate.edu](mailto:jon.dorbolo@oregonstate.edu)>

**Date:** Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 4:49 PM

**Subject:** RE: Standing committee vs. Ad Hoc committee

Keith,

A Standing Committee is an ongoing function of the Senate, has an Executive Committee liaison, and reports to the EC iteratively. It may be well describe the scope of the committee to a broader range of environmental and sustainability concerns, though the

committee will be able to set its own goals within that scope annually. Access to present at Senate meetings from a Standing Committee is strong. Here the list of standing committees.

<https://senate.oregonstate.edu/committees>

Some matters for consideration: The EC will pick the committee membership. One way to improve that is to have a member drive to get suitable candidates to volunteer via the Faculty Senate Office process. I think this matters because C3 needs activist members – folks who will take action within their units. They way that you did in Forestry. At least that's how I envisioned it.

When I was President the push was on to reduce the number of standing committees. That is the main reason I went for an Ad Hoc committee as I was confident that I could accomplish that. If the time is right (and the President is willing!) to move the C3 to a permanent status, that's a good thing

The wonderful point is that by raising the prospect of a standing committee status Selina is giving a great sign of confidence and approval for the C3.

Jon

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**Sent:** Tuesday, January 12, 2021 4:25 PM

**Subject:** RE: Standing committee vs. Ad Hoc committee

Keith,

Yes! A C3 Standing Committee will be outstanding. I am all for it and agree that carbon issues are long term.

Jon

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