

**Materials linked from the October 14, 2021 Faculty Senate agenda.**

Note: The proposed Bylaws revisions are being sent for review to Faculty Senators with the October 14, 2021 Faculty Senate agenda and are scheduled to be voted on during the November 18, 2021 Faculty Senate meeting.

## Potential Faculty Senate Bylaws Revisions to Consider

Current [Faculty Senate Bylaws](#)

Note: Proposed additions to the Bylaws appear as blue, bolded text and proposed deletions appear as grey shaded strike-through text.

### ARTICLE III: AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Sec. 1. The Faculty Senate shall be representative of the entire Faculty of Oregon State University and shall have both the authority and responsibility to act for and on behalf of the Faculty in all matters encompassed within the stated Objects of the Faculty Senate. The Faculty is defined as **all** members of the **position types and ranks in the following table**: (1) ~~Unclassified Staff who are Professional Faculty, or~~ (2) ~~hold one of these academic ranks: Instructor, Senior Instructor I, Senior Instructor II, Faculty Research Assistant, Senior Faculty Research Assistant I, Senior Faculty Research Assistant II, Senior Research Associate, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, Assistant Professor of Practice, Associate Professor of Practice, Professor of Practice, Assistant Professor (Extension), Associate Professor (Extension), Professor (Extension), Assistant Professor (Senior Research), Associate Professor (Senior Research), Professor (Senior Research), Assistant Professor (Clinical), Associate Professor (Clinical), and Professor (Clinical).~~

<b><i>Title</i></b>	<b><i>Ranks</i></b>	<b><i>Included Categories</i></b>
<b>Professor</b>	<b>Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor</b>	<b>Tenured/Tenure Track, Senior Research, Practice, Extension, Clinical</b>
<b>Instructor</b>	<b>Instructor, Senior Instructor I, Senior Instructor II</b>	<b>Unspecified, PAC, ESL, ALS</b>
<b>Lecturer</b>	<b>Lecturer, Senior Lecturer I, Senior Lecturer II</b>	
<b>Professional Faculty</b>		<b>All families</b>
<b>Faculty Research Assistant</b>	<b>Faculty Research Assistant, Senior Faculty Research Assistant I, Senior Faculty Research Assistant II</b>	
<b>Research Associate</b>	<b>Research Associate, Senior Research Associate I, Senior Research Associate II</b>	

*Rationale: New ranks listed in the Collective Bargaining Agreement have been added – all faculty ranks are members of the Faculty Senate. The ranks were placed in a table for ease of reading.*

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## **ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS**

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:

Senate President: Shall be the elected representative of the University Faculty in matters pertaining to the Faculty and Faculty Senate. Shall be the senior officer and spokesperson for adopted policy of the Faculty Senate and Faculty. Shall preside at meetings of the Faculty Senate and its Executive Committee. Shall represent the Senate and Faculty in discussions with the Oregon State University administration. Shall represent the Senate and Faculty in discussions with the OSU Board of Trustees, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), the State Legislature, the media, and other organized groups outside the University. Shall represent the Faculty Senate on various university level committees. Shall determine agendas for meetings of the Executive Committee, and shall consult with the Executive Committee in establishing agenda for meetings of the Faculty Senate. Shall serve as an Ex-Officio voting member of the Executive Committee. Shall administer the office of the Faculty Senate and oversee retention of the records of the Senate. Shall appoint three faculty members to serve on the Promotion & Tenure Dossier Summary Review Committee (as referenced in the Promotion and Tenure Guidelines in the Faculty Handbook), as needed; the Senate President shall ordinarily be one of the three members and shall ordinarily serve as chair. **Shall serve as chair of the Faculty Consultative Group.**

Senate President-Elect: Shall represent the Senate and Faculty in the absence of the Senate President or by request of that officer. Shall preside at meetings of the Faculty Senate and the Executive Committee in the absence of the Senate President upon request. Shall, with the Senate President and the Executive Committee, establish agendas for meetings of the Faculty Senate. Shall serve as an Ex-Officio voting member of the Executive Committee. Shall serve as Chair of each "Faculty Forum" session, unless this duty is otherwise delegated. **Shall serve as vice-chair of the Faculty Consultative Group.** Shall be sufficiently involved in the workings of the Senate to prepare adequately for future duties as President.

Immediate Past Senate President: Shall, with the Senate President, Senate President-Elect and the Executive Committee, establish agenda for meetings of the Faculty Senate. Shall serve as an Ex-Officio voting member of the Executive Committee. Shall represent the Faculty Senate on various university level committees. **Shall represent the Senate and Faculty by request of the Senate President. Shall perform the functions of the office of President-Elect in the event of a vacancy in that position from the time the vacancy occurs to when a new President-Elect is installed.**

*Rationale: In all three sections, these are housekeeping revisions to formalize current practice. The Faculty Consultative Group document indicates that the President shall serve as chair and the President-Elect shall serve as vice-chair.*

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## **ARTICLE VII: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

~~Sec. I. Membership: The Executive Committee shall consist of the Senate President, the Senate President-Elect, the Immediate Past Senate President and the senior Interinstitutional Faculty Senate Senator as Ex-Officio voting members; the Provost and Executive Vice President, or that person's designee, as an Ex-Officio, non-voting member; and six others elected who are now, or previously served as a Faculty Senator of the OSU Faculty Senate. The elected Executive Committee members shall retain their Faculty Senate seats for the remainder of their Senate terms.~~

Sec. I. Membership: **The Executive Committee shall consist of seven (7) voting faculty members; one (1) of whom shall be elected by OSU-Cascades faculty and**

six (6) others who are now serving, or have previously served as a Faculty Senator of the OSU Faculty Senate and shall be elected by Faculty Senators from the remaining apportionment units. The seven (7) elected Executive Committee members shall retain their Faculty Senate seats for the remainder of their Senate terms. In addition, The Senate President, the Senate President-Elect, the Immediate Past Senate President and the senior Interinstitutional Faculty Senate Senator shall serve as Ex-Officio voting members. The Provost and Executive Vice President, or that person's designee, shall serve as an Ex-Officio, non-voting member.

*Rationale: Re-ordered the verbiage and increased the number of members to allow for an OSU-Cascades member.*

Sec. 3. Election Procedure for Elected Members of the Executive Committee.

**a. Executive Committee Members Elected from Any Faculty Senate Apportionment Unit, with the Exception of OSU-Cascades.**

The Executive Committee shall nominate from the Senate membership at least one, preferably two, or more candidates for election to positions on the Executive Committee than there are elective positions open. Eligible candidates must be a current elected Faculty Senator or have previously served as an elected Faculty Senator. The Executive Committee shall report the names of nominees ~~to~~ **during** the regular November meeting of the Faculty Senate. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, but the individual nominated must have previously agreed to serve if elected, and the nominations shall be closed. The Faculty Senate Office shall publish the names of nominees for the Executive Committee on the Faculty Senate website and submit for public dissemination in a university publication, ~~no later than the third week in November~~ **following approval of the Apportionment Table during the November meeting.**

1. The election shall take place following approval of the apportionment table and shall be conducted electronically or in a manner designated by the Executive Committee. Each Senator shall be entitled to vote for as many candidates as there are elective positions open. Those candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. Tie votes shall be resolved ~~in a run-off election to be conducted at time and~~ in a manner designated by the Executive Committee.

*Rationale: Sec. 3.a. pertains only to elected Executive Committee members who are not from OSU-Cascades. Also revised when the nominees would be published. Sec. 3.a.1. was revised to be consistent with verbiage in other sections of the Bylaws.*

**b. Executive Committee Member Elected from OSU-Cascades.**

**Current OSU-Cascades faculty shall nominate at least one, preferably two, candidates for election to one position on the Executive Committee designated for an OSU-Cascades faculty member. Eligible candidates must be current elected OSU-Cascades Faculty Senators or have previously served as an elected OSU-Cascades Faculty Senator. The Executive Committee shall report the names of nominees to the regular November meeting of the Faculty Senate. Additional nominations may be made from the floor, but the individual nominated must have previously agreed to serve if elected, and the nominations shall be closed. The Faculty Senate Office shall publish the names of nominees for the Executive Committee on the Faculty Senate website and submit for public dissemination in a university publication following approval of the Apportionment Table during the November meeting.**

1. **The election shall take place following approval of the apportionment table and shall be conducted electronically or in a manner designated by the Executive Committee. Each OSU-Cascades faculty member represented by the Faculty Senate shall be eligible to vote. The candidate**

**receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected. Tie votes shall be resolved in a manner designated by the Executive Committee.**

*Rationale: Sec. 3.b. and 3.b.1. pertains only to the elected Executive Committee member from OSU-Cascades.*

Sec. 4. Term of Office

**a. Executive Committee Members Elected from Any Faculty Senate Apportionment Unit, with the Exception of OSU-Cascades.**

Faculty members elected to open positions on the Executive Committee shall be installed at the first regular Faculty Senate meeting of each Calendar year following the election and shall, typically, serve a term of two (2) years ~~or until a successor has been duly installed~~. Nominally, one-half of the six (6) Executive Committee members shall be elected each fall. Should more than three (3) vacancies need to be filled, Senators shall elect enough new Executive Committee members to bring the membership total to six (6). 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 (2) years.

**b. Executive Committee Member Elected from OSU-Cascades. The faculty member elected to represent OSU-Cascades on the Executive Committee shall be installed at the first regular Faculty Senate meeting of each Calendar year following the election and shall, typically, serve a term of one (1) year. The OSU-Cascades representative shall be eligible to be re-elected to a consecutive one-year (1) term. An elected member who will have served on the Executive Committee for more than eighteen (18) consecutive months, shall be ineligible for re-election for one (1) year.**

*Rationale: Sec. 4 a. and b. pertain to the Term of Office for OSU-Cascades and non-OSU Cascades Executive Committee members. The term of office for OSU-Cascades is one year to allow for more OSU-Cascades members to participate on the Executive Committee.*

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**ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS**

Sec. 2. Responsibility. All University committees and councils dealing with academic policy matters, and all standing committees and councils authorized by the Faculty Senate for carrying out its Objects shall be responsible to the Faculty Senate. These shall include such standing committees and councils as:

a. Standing Committees:

Academic Regulations  
Academic Requirements  
Academic Standing  
Administrative Appointments  
Advancement of Teaching  
Baccalaureate Core  
Budgets & Fiscal Planning  
**Carbon Commitment**  
~~Computing Resources~~  
Distance Education  
~~Faculty Economic Welfare & Retirement~~  
Faculty Grievance  
**Faculty Welfare**  
Faculty Recognition and Awards  
~~Faculty Status~~

Graduate Admissions  
Library  
**Professional Faculty Interests**  
Promotion & Tenure  
Student Recognition & Awards  
Undergraduate Admissions

b. Councils:

Academic Advising  
Graduate  
Curriculum  
Diversity  
Honors College  
Research

*Rationale: Inclusion of the proposed Faculty Welfare Committee, as well as other committees that were previously approved, but not added to this section of the Bylaws. Additionally, committees being abolished or combined are being deleted.*