

# Faculty Senate

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## Committee on Committees

### Annual Report, 2001-2002

1. As part of the Committee on Committees' charge, proposed Standing Rules changes are reviewed, if required the changes are discussed with the submitting Committee or Council, and recommendations for either acceptance or rejection are submitted to the Executive Committee and the Faculty Senate. The Committee on Committees received requests for Standing Rules changes from:

- Administrative Information Systems Advisory Council
- Advancement of Teaching Committee
- Academic Regulations Committee
- Budgets & Fiscal Planning Committee
- Faculty Grievance Committee
- Library Committee
- Promotion and Tenure Committee
- Undergraduate Admissions Committee

After discussion at the committee level, and presentation to the Faculty Senate, each committee/council's standing rules changes were approved. Please see each committee's site on the web or the Faculty Senate office for Standing Rules for these and all committees.

2. As stated in the Committee on Committee's Standing Rules, "The Chair of each (Faculty Senate) Committee/Council shall, at five-year intervals, report to the Committee on Committees about its activities. This report must demonstrate activities that have enhanced the functions and objectives of the Senate. When no clearly useful functions can be identified, the abolishment of the Committee/Council shall be recommended." The Committee on Committees was charged by the FS Executive Committee to begin five-year reviews, for 2001-2002, the following Committees/Councils:
  - [Faculty Recognition and Awards Committee](#)
  - [Library Committee](#)
  - [Graduate Admissions Committee](#)
  - [Faculty Status Committee](#)
  - [Graduate Council](#)

The reviews were completed and are available for review through the Faculty Senate Office.

3. Topics of discussion this year were 1) whether or not to continue having a Student Recognition and Awards Committee and 2) whether or not to continue having a Faculty Status Committee
  1. In consultation with the current and past chairs of the Student Recognition and Awards Committee, it was agreed that faculty recognition of student achievement is very important. However, it became clear that the Student Recognition and Awards Committee is mainly concerned with the annual awards ceremony. Both the past chairs of the Student Recognition and Awards Committee and the Committee on Committees agree that the Student Recognition and Awards Committee should be abolished. However, this recommendation was made with the clear stipulation that the Office of Student Affairs should acknowledge and assume full responsibility for the current duties of the Student Recognition and Awards Committee. This recommendation was forwarded to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate.

2. In speaking with committee members and past chairs of the Faculty Status Committee, the question was raised as to whether the Committee should be abolished or not. Currently, the Faculty Status Committee receives assignments from the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate. Thus, they are as busy as the Executive Committee makes them. Some years there are no duties or assignments given. However, it was pointed out that when an assignment is given, this committee is truly the only standing committee that is charged with handling these assignments. For example, this committee recently conducted a study on the role of Faculty Research Assistants at the University. This was timely and necessary. It was also pointed out that many of the members of this committee serve on other committees and they thus bring a wealth of knowledge to those issues that are brought up for study. Given these reasons, the Committee on Committees recommended that the Faculty Status Committee continue on as a standing Faculty Senate Committee. This recommendation was forwarded to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate.
  
4. In response to a request from the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, the Committee on Committees drafted Standing Rules for a new Faculty Senate Committee. The Distance Education Committee Standing Rules were presented to the Faculty Senate and adopted.
  
5. Committee on Committees - Members for 2001-2002:
  - Robert Mason, Chair, Zoology
  - Susan Shaw, Women Studies
  - Karin Hardin, Nutrition & Food Management
  - David Robinson, English
  - Kevin Bokay, Valley Library
  - Kerry Kincanon, UESP
  - Jim Helget, Student Member
  
6. The committee recommended that David Robinson serve as chair in 2002-2003.

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