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Committee on Committees

Annual Report 2011-2012

Membership

William E. Loges, Chair '12	New Media Communications
Roger Rennekamp '12	Public Health and Human Sciences
David Craig '13	University Housing and Dining
Bill Uzgalis '13	Philosophy
Robin DeSantis '14	Arts and Sciences Business Center
Stephen Durkee '14	Research Office
Farbodd Ganjifard	Student Member
Anne Gillies	Executive Committee Liaison

Standing Rules

The Committee on Committees maintains a continuing study of the structure and effectiveness of University councils and committees and of their relationship to responsibilities of the Faculty Senate; proposes and reviews proposals for new Senate standing committees; and makes recommendations on committee reorganization and functions to appropriate Senate and University officers.

The Chair of each Committee/Council of the Faculty Senate shall, at five-year intervals, report to the Committee on Committees about its activities. This report must demonstrate activities which 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 is composed of six Faculty and the ASOSU Executive Director of Committees.

(12/00)

Committee Meeting

Members of the Committee on Committees met on November 9, 2011 to review our Standing Rules, the tasks to be conducted for the year, and to outline a plan for completing these tasks. Six senate committees were in need of their regularly scheduled review (one a remainder from the previous year, plus five on their regular rotation). The committees under review and the reviewer for each are below:

Academic Regulations Committee	Roger Rennekamp
Curriculum Council	Stephen Durkee
Distance Education Committee	Bill Loges
Diversity Council	David Craig
Faculty Economic Welfare & Retirement Committee	Bill Uzgalis
Faculty Grievance Committee	Robin DeSantis

Another routine task of the Committee on Committees is to review proposed changes in the Standing Rules for any Faculty Senate Committee. This year the following committees proposed changes to their Standing Rules:

Academic Advising Council
 Baccalaureate Core Committee
 Budgets and Fiscal Planning Committee
 Computing Resources Committee
 Curriculum Council
 Distance Education Committee
 Diversity Council
 Faculty Economic Welfare & Retirement Committee

Promotion and Tenure Committee

In addition to the review of existing committees in the rotation, this year's committee was tasked by the Faculty Senate with reviewing all Standing Rules. The purpose of this review is to check for outdated references (e.g., to campus offices that no longer exist) and for clarity. Each member of the Committee on Committees was assigned four committees to review, in addition to the committee they were reviewing on the regular rotation (above).

This report will begin with the proposals to revise Standing Rules reviewed by the Committee on Committees this year, then additional comments springing from our special review of existing Standing Rules and, finally, our regular assessments of the six committees.

Review of Standing Rules Proposed Changes:

[Academic Advising Council](#): The proposed change added the head advisor from the new College of Earth, Ocean & Atmospheric Sciences to the Council, recognizing the undergraduate program in CEOAS. This proposal was approved by the Committee on Committees and by the Faculty Senate on April 12, 2012.

[Baccalaureate Core Committee](#): In part, responding to inconsistencies in the Standing Rules and the practice of the BCC noted in last year's Five-Year Review (see the [2011 Committee on Committees Annual Report, Appendix A](#)), the Standing Rules are revised to clarify the role of the BCC in attracting courses to the core, update references to the Writing category and the Writing Advisory Board to reflect current offices, clarify quorum requirements, and outline the role of the BCC in ongoing assessment of the Baccalaureate Core. This proposal was approved by the Committee on Committees and by the Faculty Senate on April 12, 2012.

[Budgets and Fiscal Planning Committee](#): In part, responding to last year's Five-Year Review (see the [2011 Committee on Committees Annual Report, Appendix B](#)), the duties of this committee were pared back, especially membership as non-voting liaisons to various committees. In fact, this committee's time has been consumed with advising on fiscal matters and reviewing Category I proposals, and the proposed revisions are meant to reflect that. The proposal was approved by the Committee on Committees and by the Faculty Senate on April 12, 2012.

[Computing Resources Committee](#): The membership of this committee was revised slightly to allow the Vice Provost for Information Services to designate a representative to serve on this committee if the VPIS is unavailable. This proposal was approved by the Committee on Committees and by the Faculty Senate on April 12, 2012.

[Curriculum Council](#): Reacting to the proposed changes in the Budgets and Fiscal Planning Committee's Standing Rules (see above), the Curriculum Council deleted reference to a BFPC member's liaison status on the CC. This proposal was approved by the Committee on Committees and by the Faculty Senate on April 12, 2012.

[Distance Education Committee](#): The name of this committee is changed to the Online Education Committee (see [Appendix C](#) in this report for more details). The Standing Rules are revised substantially to reflect the actual practice of the committee. What had been detailed and specific tasks that were not regularly performed is replaced with a more general statement of interest in issues regarding online education, more realistically reflecting the role this committee plays. While the Committee on Committees expresses some concern with the vague nature of this change, the [Five-Year Review](#) conducted this year was reassuring as to the potential for this Committee to make good use of the new rules to satisfy its mission, and the proposal was approved by the Committee on Committees and by the Faculty Senate on April 12, 2012.

[Diversity Council](#): The Standing Rules are amended slightly to delete obsolete references to offices and add the appropriate, current office. This proposal was approved by the Committee on Committees and by the Faculty Senate on April 12, 2012.

[Faculty Economic Welfare and Retirement Committee](#): In recognition of changes in reporting relationships as a result of passage of SB 242 in the Oregon legislature, the Standing Rules are amended to be consistent with the law. This proposal was approved by the Committee on Committees and by the Faculty Senate on April 12, 2012.

[Promotion and Tenure Committee](#): A minor edit to eliminate a run-on sentence was proposed, and a clarification of the role of the Office of the Provost in providing a summary of the previous year's actions on tenure and promotion. Neither change represented a substantial change in the committee's duties. This proposal was approved by the Committee on Committees and by the Faculty Senate on June 14, 2012.

Attachments

- [Review of Standing Rules for all committees and councils](#)

Five-Year Reviews:

- [Assessment Guide](#)
- [Appendix A:](#) Academic Regulations Committee (no report submitted)
- [Appendix B:](#) Curriculum Council
- [Appendix C:](#) Distance Education Committee
- [Appendix D:](#) Diversity Council (no report submitted)
- [Appendix E:](#) Faculty Economic Welfare & Retirement Committee (no report submitted)
- [Appendix F:](#) Faculty Grievance Committee

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