Key Functions of the Executive Committee (EC) of the Faculty Senate

Who serves on the Executive Committee?

- The Executive Committee (EC) is comprised of six faculty members; typically, three are elected each year from current Senators or those who have been Senators, for a term of service of two years. The EC meets weekly during the academic year.

- Others serving on the EC are the Senate President, President-Elect, and Immediate Past-President, as well as OSU's senior Interinstitutional Faculty Senator. The Provost also serves on the EC as an ex-officio.

What role does the EC Play?

- The EC serves as the interface between the Faculty of OSU, Faculty Senate, and the Administration of the University.

- The EC sets the agenda for Faculty Senate Meetings, brings Action Items to the floor of the Senate for discussion and approval, has oversight of the committees and councils under Faculty Senate jurisdiction, and guides curricular actions (which are the purview of the faculty) through the approval process.

- Often times attendance at EC meetings will be requested of various campus individuals that might contribute to a better understanding of a particular issue or concern.

- The EC works on many important issues in the operation of the university and advises the University Administration on topics such as:

Curriculum	Budget
Operation of the University	Hiring
Restructuring (Faculty Consultative Group)	Athletics
Promotion and Tenure	Faculty ranks

- The EC fosters interactions with an upper administration that truly embraces shared governance:

  Regular meetings with the Provost (weekly), President Ray, and other OSU administrators.

  Members of the EC facilitate Small Group Sessions with President Ray. These small groups are random or may be individuals of a specific group.

Why is the EC important?

- Fosters debate on important issues with decision makers – provides faculty perspective.
- Helps draft university policy – the EC is often called on to be part of the decision-making process.
- EC members adopt a university-wide advocacy.
- Works on and facilitates solutions to important issues, such as PERS.