

Bylaws and Nominations Committee

The Committee monitors the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate, reviewing proposals for changes and recommending amendments for action by the Senate. It serves in an advisory capacity to the Senate President and to the Executive Committee in all matters related to the Bylaws.

Each Fall, the Committee shall nominate candidates for Faculty Senate President-Elect, the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, and the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate (IFS), in accordance with procedures described in the Bylaws.

In response to a call for nominations from the IFS, the committee shall be responsible for nominating members of the OSU faculty to serve on the Oregon State Board of Higher Education. The slate of nominees from OSU shall be endorsed by the Faculty Senate prior to forwarding to the IFS. The IFS oversees the process by which three Oregon University System faculty are nominated to the governor for the appointment.

The Committee consists of four Faculty members. One member shall be the Immediate Past Senate President, who shall serve as Chair.

Recommendation: Abolish the Bylaws and Nominations Committee, as recommended by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Rationale:

- *The Faculty Senate Executive Committee (EC) has been acting in place of the Bylaws and Nominations Committee for several years, both in monitoring and recommending revisions to the Faculty Senate Bylaws, and in nominating Faculty Senate leadership candidates.*
- *The Faculty Senate Parliamentarian has been serving in an advisory capacity in matters related to the Faculty Senate Bylaws. Due to the Parliamentarian's familiarity with parliamentary procedures and Roberts Rules of Order, this individual is better suited to recommend and/or advise on Bylaws revisions.*
- *It's more efficient for EC members to talk with potential candidates for Faculty Senate President-Elect, Faculty Senate Executive Committee members and Interinstitutional Faculty Senators since the EC is composed of members from all of the above positions and they can provide a better explanation of the duties, expectations, etc., than faculty who are appointed to the Bylaws and Nominations Committee and who have no experience with any of the positions.*
- *If the Bylaws and Nominations Committee is abolished, that will free up three faculty to serve on other committees.*
- *Additionally, if the recommendation to abolish the Bylaws and Nominations Committee is approved by the Faculty Senate, proposed Bylaws revisions related to Bylaws and Nominations Committee references will be presented to the Faculty Senate for approval. If the Committee is not abolished, the above outdated Standing Rules shall be revised and presented to the Faculty Senate for approval.*

Committee on Committees

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 Operations.

Recommendation: Abolish the Committee on Committees, as recommended by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Rationale:

- *The work of the Committee on Committees is duplicated by the EC:*
 - *The Faculty Senate President-Elect meets with Faculty Senate committee and council chairs and discusses with them the effectiveness of each group, as well as the relationship to the Faculty Senate. The five-year report can be accomplished, as needed, when the chair meets with the President-Elect.*
 - *Typically when a Faculty Senate committee or council wishes to revise their Standing Rules, the chair first contacts the EC liaison and/or Faculty Senate staff to assist them in properly drafting the proposed revisions. The proposed revisions are forwarded to the Committee on Committees for review; this committee rarely suggests revisions. The proposed revisions are then forwarded to the EC for review. It's more likely that the EC may suggest revisions than the Committee on Committees. Once the proposed revisions are approved by the EC, they are reviewed by the Faculty Senate for approval.*
- *If the Committee on Committees is abolished, that will free up six faculty to serve on other committees.*
- *Additionally, if the recommendation to abolish the Committee on Committees is approved by the Faculty Senate, proposed Bylaws revisions related to Committee on Committees references will be presented to the Faculty Senate for approval.*