

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE
FACULTY SENATE
MOTION FORM

MAKER: Faculty Senate Executive Committee SECOND: N/A (motion from EC)
COLLEGE: Multiple Colleges (EC) COLLEGE: N/A (motion from EC)
DATE: April 10, 2013

MOTION:

The Executive Committee moves to add a **friendly amendment** to the Constitutional Revisions. Based on an email communication from Suzanne Ward, Chair of CAAS (Committee on Academic Affairs and Standards), **the Executive Committee moves to change ARTICLE V. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES, Section 6 Committee on Academic Affairs and Standards** as follows:

- A. **The Committee on Academic Affairs and Standards shall initiate policy concerning the academic standards of the university subject to the approval of the University President, study regulations adopted by the various agencies that affect the academic policies of the University and bring them into conformity with such regulations, hear routine appeals for waiver of academic regulations in cases of individual students, act as a final court of appeal in cases concerning accusations of unfair and capricious grading, and formulate other University policies as directed by the University Provost.**
- B. **The membership shall consist of:**
 - (1) **Ex Officio Members**
 - (2) **Faculty**
 - (3) **Students**
 - (4) **Voting Members**

Comment [BC1]: New wording

(*see page 2 for original wording of ARTICLE V. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES, Section 6 Committee on Academic Affairs and Standards)*

RATIONALE FOR MOTION (email from Suzanne Ward):

Charity,

I have attached the Rules and Regulations of CAAS which were adopted in June 2010. This document details the membership of CAAS, which, if I am reading the revised Senate Constitution correctly, does not agree with what is listed in the revision of the Senate constitution. Accordingly, the Senate constitution should be amended to agree with the CAAS document. Judy Gentry presented this document to the Senate in fall of 2010 and proposed amendments to the Senate constitution which reflected these changes. To my knowledge, the Senate concurred with the changes and made the amendments to the constitution in fall 2010. The representation detailed in the CAAS Rules and Regulations has been followed in selecting Committee membership for the last two years.

Suzanne

***Original Wording of ARTICLE V. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES, Section 6**
Committee on Academic Affairs and Standards (for comparison purposes)

Section 6. Committee on Academic Affairs and Standards

A. The Committee on Academic Affairs and Standards shall initiate and consider recommendations to the administration concerning the academic standards of the University, study regulations adopted by the various agencies which affect the academic policies of the University and bring them into conformity with such regulations, hear routine appeals for waiver of academic regulations in cases of individual students, and act as a final court of appeal in cases concerning accusations of unfair and capricious grading.

B. The membership shall consist of:

- (1) One faculty member from each faculty unit, appointed by the President for staggered three-year terms;
- (2) One student member from each faculty unit, appointed by the Vice President for Academic Affairs on the recommendation of the Student Government Association;
- (3) Three faculty or staff members appointed by the President;
- (4) The undergraduate deans and directors, ex officio;
- (5) The Registrar, ex officio, and serving as the secretary to the committee;
- (6) The Director of Academic Planning and Faculty Development, ex officio; and
- (7) The Vice President for Academic Affairs, ex officio.

Annually the Committee on Committees shall prepare a slate of nominees for this committee and shall submit it to the Senate for approval. The slate for this committee shall contain twice as many names as there are vacancies on the committee. Following Senate approval, the slate of nominees shall be forwarded to the President, by the end of April. The President shall make the appointments from the slate of nominees provided

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The Executive Committee moves to approve the Constitutional edits, including the friendly amendment, as presented at the February 2013 and March 2013 Faculty Senate meetings.

RATIONALE FOR MOTION:

The Constitution is in desperate need of updating to reflect accurately the practices and policies of the Senate. These are edits only, not substantive changes.