

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE FACULTY SENATE REPORT

Ways and Means

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Name of Committee

Person Submitting Report

Date

Task of Committee (please indicate the task of your committee here): From the constitution – “ARTICLE IV. SENATE COMMITTEES. The Ways and Means Committee of the Senate shall serve the Senate as liaison committee to University committees. Its function is that of mediator in differences of opinion in policy between the Senate and the University committees. It shall present to the Senate recommendations for solutions of policy differences. Twice each year (at the January and April meetings) the committee shall report to the Senate on the status of University actions in response to resolutions passed by the Senate during the previous half year or, when appropriate, during the previous year. The committee shall also be assigned those tasks which the Executive Officer deems advisable.”

Progress Report:

#	Since the last Faculty Senate Meeting, the following has been accomplished:
1.	<p>The Committee has drafted the following amendment to the Senate Constitution: Proposed amendment to the Constitution regarding Senate membership (Article II, Section 2. Members):</p> <p>(added text is in bold, deleted text is lined through)</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">A. Permanent Members.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1. All faculty members with the rank of professor not serving in an administrative capacity above the level of department chair or the equivalent shall be permanent members. Appointment or promotion to the rank of professor confers permanent membership in the Faculty Senate. Permanent members shall be polled prior to the first meeting of each academic year to determine if they wish to be active members (one who states the intention to attend at least one-half of the regularly scheduled Senate meetings) during the year.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">2. The Dean of the College of General Studies shall be a voting member of the Faculty Senate.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">B. Elective Members.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1. Elective members of the Faculty Senate must be associate professors, assistant professors, instructors or adjunct faculty of the general faculty not serving in an administrative capacity above the level of department chair or the equivalent who have completed no less than one academic year of full-time employment at the University at the time of taking office.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">2. Associate professors shall be elected in the proportion of one member per five associate professors or fraction thereof in each faculty unit of the University. Associate professor Senate members shall be elected for three-year terms and shall take office at the first meeting following election.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">3. Assistant professors and instructors shall be elected in the proportion of one member per ten assistant professors and instructors or fraction thereof in each faculty unit of the University. Such members shall be elected for two-year terms and shall take office at the first meeting following election.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">4. One adjunct faculty member shall be elected from each faculty unit of the University to serve a one-year term.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">C. Ex-officio Members.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">1. Faculty members serving in an administrative capacity above the level of department chair or the equivalent are considered ex-officio members of Faculty Senate. Ex-officio members shall have full rights to participate in discussions and make motions, but may not vote.</p>
2.	Begun researching the role and composition of a Faculty Senate Budget Committee
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Committee Members Present at Committee Meetings:

#	List the members of your Committee who attended Committee Meetings since the last Faculty Senate Meeting:
1.	N/A: The committee has acted via email and Moodle
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6.	

Anticipated Future Plans

#	Before the next Faculty Senate Meeting, the following actions are planned:
1.	The committee will review the proposal for a permanent senate budget committee set forth by the ad hoc committee for the creation of the senate budget committee.
2.	The committee will review the new merit evaluation procedure and replace existing wording in the Faculty Handbook.
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Action Required by the Faculty Senate (list any action that needs to be taken by the Faculty Senate as a result of this report)

Discuss the proposed Constitutional amendment regarding Faculty Senate membership