

Faculty Senate Bylaws

Proposed Changes

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Add after ARTICLE IV:

ARTICLE V - SYSTEM FACULTY LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Section 1. The University of South Carolina System Faculty Leadership Council provides a representative voice in system affairs and facilitates collaboration among the faculty organizations comprised in the University of South Carolina system. With respect to functions the Board of Trustees delegates to University administration, the Council has a consultative function: it represents the will of the system's faculties to such bodies as may be established to administer system affairs and serves as a means by which system administrators may communicate with faculty. The Council coordinates faculty governance in those areas where the Board of Trustees delegates legislative powers to the faculties of individual campuses, including but not limited to standards of admission, granting of earned degrees, and curriculum. In no instance will the Council usurp authority previously delegated to campus faculties by the Board of Trustees.

Section 2. The USC Columbia Faculty Senate will elect three representatives to the University of South Carolina System Faculty Leadership Council, including one representative from the Palmetto College and any other representatives as required by the bylaws of the Council. The chair of the Faculty Senate (or designee) will also serve on the Council.

Council members represent the Senate. The Faculty Senate Steering Committee will seek nominations in February, review them at its March meeting, and present a slate of candidates for election by the Senate at the April meeting. In developing a slate of nominees, the Steering Committee will favor faculty governance experience in such areas as curriculum approvals, faculty welfare, and policy development.

Section 3. Representatives elected to the Council will serve for staggered three-year terms. Vacancies will be filled temporarily by the Senate Steering Committee until the next election cycle, in which nominations to serve the remainder of a vacated term will follow the regular election procedure. In no case may any representative to the Council serve for more than five years continuously.

ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS

Section 1. In the case of any positions to be filled by election by the Faculty Senate, nominations for such positions shall be made from the floor, except as provided in Article ~~IV~~ and Article VII of these bylaws. Voting shall be by secret ballot, and a majority is required for election.

[Renumber remaining articles.]