Constitution of the Faculty Senate
The Constitution of the Faculty Senate determines the selection and composition of the
Senate, its organization, and rules, and procedures for amending the Constitution. The full
text of the Constitution follows.
ARTICLE I
Composition and Selection
Section 1.
The Faculty Senate shall be composed of elected members of the teaching/research faculty,
Department Chairs and School Directors and university libraries as described under (a),
(b), and (c), below, and ex officio members as described under (d) and (e), below.
(a) All employees who have teaching/research/library responsibilities of 50% or more
and .5 FTE or greater will be eligible for membership in the Faculty Senate,
including: temporary faculty, probationary faculty, tenured faculty, contingent
unclassified professionals, provisional unclassified professionals, and regular
unclassified professionals. These employees all have the e-class designation of FA
or F2. Eligible members of the faculty also serve as the electorate.
Administrators are ineligible for the Faculty Senate electorate. Administrators
include those persons holding the title of President, Provost and Senior Vice
President, Vice President, Associate Vice President, Assistant Vice President, Dean,
Associate Dean, Assistant Dean, and Directors of all non-academic programs0 0 1 471.7 377.95 Tm
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University Libraries. The Faculty Senate President and Past President also serve as
at-large senators.
(d) The President of the University, the Provost and Senior Vice President, and the
President of the Student Government Association are ex officio, non-voting
members of the Faculty Senate.
(e) Upon assuming office, the President of the Senate begins a two-year term as an
at-large senator. If the President's previous elected term has not expired it will be
filled by election.
Section 2.
Elections shall be held annually to replace approximately one-half the membership of the
Senate. The Senate also will elect two at-large members each year.
Section 3.
Regular election to the Senate shall be for a term of two years. Senators are eligible for re-election.
Section 4.
During the spring semester of each academic year, the Vice President of the Senate shall
circulate to each eligible faculty member a list of those ineligible for Senate election by
reason of continuing Senate membership and solicit nominations for senators at-large. The
Vice President will conduct an election to fill the senator at-large positions.
Section 5.
Each year, subsequent to the at-large election described in Section 4, the Vice President will
distribute to the members of each area mentioned in Article I, Section I, paragraph (b), a list
of its members ineligible for Senate election by reason of continuing Senate membership or
election as senator at-large. Nominations for senator from each area will be solicited and
the Vice President will disseminate ballots to the appropriate faculty members. The Vice
President will determine the need for run-off elections.
Section 6.
Senate members elected in the spring semester shall take office June 1, but shall meet in
May for the purpose of electing Senate officers for the forthcoming academic year.
Section 7.
Senate members whose term is expiring in May shall not participate in electing Senate
officers for the forthcoming academic year.
Section 8.
Vacancies on the Senate shall be filled by vote of the Senate for unexpired terms with the
provision that the selected member shall be of the appropriate division.

Section 9. A senator who leaves the area from which he or she was elected will be
considered to have resigned. However, the term may be completed if the change occurs
during the spring semester of the last year of the member's term.
Section 10.
The Executive Committee of the Senate has the responsibility of consulting with any