

## **FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 91-06**

**WHEREAS**, a number of University standing committees include faculty among the memberships, and

**WHEREAS**, the Faculty Senate is empowered to act for the Faculty Council, and

**WHEREAS**, a more orderly process for selection of University committee members should result if the Faculty Senate is charged with this task;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the By-laws of the Faculty Senate be changed according to the attached document.

Note: The new material will begin immediately after the Article IX committees heading.

### Article VIII- Election of Members of the Senate

1. Elections of members of the Senate will be carried out in accord with Article III of the Constitution of the Faculty Senate.
2. The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate will serve as the responsible elections committee and shall be responsible for keeping records of such elections on file for future reference.
3. The elections committee shall delegate responsibility for conducting elections to the policy committee or similar representative body of the college or school not within a college in which the election is to be held. If such a committee does not exist, the procedure shall be conducted by the outgoing senators of the college or school not within a college. However, in the event of an emergency, a dispute, or a conflict of interest, the Elections Committee is empowered to conduct the election and will not under such circumstances delegate its authority to members of the Senate or other faculty from the college or school not within a college.
4. Each faculty member may nominate as many persons as there are members of the Senate to be elected from a given college or school not within a college. The elections committee or its delegates will provide a list of persons eligible for nomination. This list shall be circulated to each faculty member in the college or school not within a college if the elections committee deems such procedure desirable.
5. Nominations shall be solicited from all eligible participants. All nominations shall appear on a first ballot.
6. Each eligible faculty member may vote for as many nominees as there are positions to be filled. The top two vote recipients per vacant position shall be placed on a second ballot. In case of tie votes, those vote recipients involved shall also be placed on the second ballot.

7. The second ballot shall establish the elected senators and alternates, except that tie votes for the position of senator will require a final ballot among the tied candidates. Ties on a final ballot will be broken by lot.
8. The election procedures outlined above may be supplemented by policies established by the college policy committee or similar representative body, except that the position must be filled by election, not appointment. It shall be permissible for college or school not within a college or apportion, by faculty action, senate seats by department. Such changes in procedures must receive prior approval by the Executive Committee.
9. The names of the members of the committee in charge or each election will be published prior to the commencement of the election procedures, as outlined in Article III of the Constitution.

#### Article IX. Committees

1. There will be standing and special committees.
  - a. Terms of members of standing committees will be three years and approximately one-third of the members of each committee will be appointed each year. Reappointment to such committees shall only be made in those cases in which continuity over long periods is desired or in which for other reasons longer appointments are desirable.
  - b. Terms of members of special committees will end when the committee's work is completed
2. Members of standing committees, except those elected, will be appointed by the Executive Committee after it receives recommendations from the Committee on Committees. Appointments will be reported in the Senate Minutes. Committees may include ex officio members, but ex officio designates non-voting.
3. The Senate will delegate specified powers to its standing committees. The delegations will appear in the list of committees given below.
4. Standing committees will report their findings and recommendations to the Senate through the President and Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate and, when appropriate, through the President of the Senate to the administration. However, grievance committee reports of specific cases will be treated as confidential information and not be reported to the Faculty Senate.

#### University Committees

The faculty Senate will elect or otherwise provide for faculty membership on various University standing committee. The list of University standing committees and their duties follows:

##### Budget Committee

##### Charges:

1. To determine procedures for budgeting;
2. To hold budget hearings;
3. To allocate and/or reallocate funds appropriated to LSU; and

4. To advise the Chancellor on matters regarding the budgetary administration of the campus.

Membership:

6 administrators- the Chancellor and 5 Vice-chancellors; 2 faculty members; one elected each year. The Executive Committee shall nominate two persons for the positions. Additional nominations may be made from the floor of the Senate.

Conference of Louisiana Colleges and Universities, CLCU

Two members of the faculty will be elected each year to represent the LSU faculty at the annual conference. The Committee on Committees should provide a slate of nominees.

University Planning Committee

Charges:

1. Recommend a comprehensive master plan for all physical systems on the A&M campus, including facility usage (buildings and land), facility location, circulation (pedestrian and vehicular), and parking.
2. Assess and prioritize requests for capital expenditures.
3. Review projections of needs for space on campus.
4. Determine procedures for the allocation of space on campus and recommend such allocations.
5. Approve all criteria used in the selection of construction sites and recommend such sites.
6. Assess facility planning is done in according with life safety issues.
7. Review and screen all construction projects that modify the appearance of the campus, or buildings, or change the function of space. In so doing, insure adequate design, construction, landscaping, traffic control, and accommodations for disabilities and telecommunications.

Membership:

PS-23 specifies faculty membership to consist of current President of the Senate and three additional faculty appointed by the senate Executive Committee. At large appointments are for three-year terms, staggered so that one new member is appointed each year.

Note: Any faculty member having an interest in service on this committee should contact the President.

Strategic Planning Committee

The current President of the Senate is, a member. Other members are appointed by the Executive Vice-Chancellor.