

Proposed Revisions to the Academic Senate By-Laws

1) Election time period for balloting

- a. Article VI (Nomination and Election Procedures), Section 6,
new f : Elections will run for one calendar week (7 days)

2) Curriculum Committee becomes standing committee of Academic Senate

- a. Article VII – Executive Board, Section 1:
remove Curriculum from list of governance committee and insert:
And Faculty Co-chair(s) of the following Academic Senate Standing Committees:
Curriculum Committee
Equivalency Committee
- b. Article VIII – Committees,
 - i. Section 5: Standing committees of the Senate, add Curriculum Committee
 - ii. New Section 6: Curriculum Committee
The Academic Senate Curriculum Committee ensures that curriculum is consistent with the mission of the college, addresses the needs of students and the community, and meets the requirements of law and regulation.
The Curriculum Committee
 - Oversees origination, modification, deletion, and review of all curriculum, including all elements of both programs of study (degrees and certificates) and individual courses in an ongoing systematic review process.
 - Independently evaluates requests for prerequisites and advisories in accordance with Title 5 regulation.
 - Independently evaluates requests for Distant Education in accordance with Title 5 regulation.
 - Evaluates requests for General Education and articulation.
 - Develops and implements procedures to assure an effective means of facilitating the curriculum review process while adhering to the requirements of law and regulation.Recommendations for approved curriculum will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees.
The Curriculum Committee will provide regular, at least monthly reports to the Senate (body rep.).
 - iii. New Section 8: Academic Senate Standing Committee charges are to be reviewed annually in the Fall semester and any revisions must be approved by the Senate (body rep.) before the new charge can take effect.

3) Multi-year terms of committee membership permitted

- a. Article VIII – Committees, new Section 13

Committees may have multi-year terms and terms will end at the end of a spring

semester or for Equivalency Committee with summer work, at the end of the summer session. New terms will begin at the start of a fall semester. Committees with multi-year terms should stagger the terms, so only some member slots are renewed every year in order to provide continuity from year to year.