

## **Current Bylaws**

(Article II, Section 5. P. 19)

### *Section 5. Committees: Executive committee*

A. The Executive Committee shall serve as the Election Committee of the Faculty Senate.

B. The Executive Committee shall serve as the Screening Committee in forwarding names of nominees for honorary degrees to the Chancellor and Board of Trustees.

C. The Executive Committee, in conference with the Vice Chancellor responsible for academic programs, shall plan the agenda of the regular Faculty Assembly meetings.

D. Between Spring Commencement and Fall Semester registration, the Executive Committee shall act in behalf of the Senate on matters that in their judgment cannot be deferred. The Executive Committee may invite appropriate Senate Committee Chairs, or designated representatives, to participate in any such actions.

E. An annual letter from the Chair of the Senate shall be written to Department Chairs,

## **PROPOSED BYLAWS** **(Changes in *Bold Italic*)**

### *Section 5. Committees: Executive committee*

***A. The Executive Committee shall serve as the Election Committee of the Faculty Senate.***

***B. The Executive Committee shall appoint the membership of Senate Standing Committees, giving due consideration to Senators' preferences and the needs of the Senate.***

***C. The Executive Committee shall develop the specific charges given to Senate Committees each year.***

***D. The Executive Committee shall serve as a screening committee in forwarding names of nominees for honorary degrees to the full Senate prior to their going to the Board of Trustees (See Constitution Art. II, §1.C)***

***E. The Executive Committee, in consultation with the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, shall plan the agenda of the regular Faculty Assembly meetings.***

***F. Between Spring Commencement and Fall Semester registration, the Executive Committee may act on behalf of the Senate on matters which, in their judgment, cannot be deferred.***

***G. The Executive Committee and the Senate Chair shall communicate in writing, to the Department Chairs and Deans of all Senators their gratitude for the time and commitment of each Senator and in recognition of the support provided by those administrative***

articulating the professional values of Senate membership and asking for departmental support for such memberships, including support for Senators from that particular academic unit.

F. The Senate's work shall be publicized through continued publication of Senate activity in the Faculty Bulletin and through an end-of-the-year summary of Senate activities and University budget information sent directly to faculty.

*Section 6. Standing Committees.*

The Faculty Senate shall have the following Standing Committees:

A. Academic Excellence – maintain an interest in and awareness of academic policies of the University.

B. Committee on Committees – see description in the Constitution of the Faculty Assembly, section 5.

C. Faculty Governance – monitor and review the structure of Senate committees and recommend changes that would improve the effectiveness of the Senate and its committees in University governance.

D. Student Relations – represent the Senate in matters pertaining to student concerns.

E. Tenure, Promotion and Grievance – monitor the effectiveness of University policies on promotion and tenure described in the Handbook for

*levels, without which the Senate could not conduct its work.*

*H. The Executive Committee and the Senate Chair shall circulate to the Faculty an end-of-year written summary of Senate activity.*

*Section 6. Standing Committees.*

The Faculty Senate shall have *these* Standing Committees *with these standing charges*:

*A. The Academic Excellence Committee shall monitor and review the academic policies of the University.*

*B. The Committee on Committees shall nominate to the proper appointing parties faculty members to serve on University Committees as well as to ad hoc committees, task forces, etc., established by the Senate, Student House, or Administration.*

*C. The Faculty Governance Committee shall monitor and review the structure of the Senate and of Senate Committees and recommend changes to improve their effectiveness.*

*D. Student Relations Committee shall represent the Senate in matters relating to student concerns.*

*E. The Tenure, Promotion and Grievance Committee shall monitor the effectiveness of University policies on promotion, tenure and grievance found in the Handbook for Faculty and Staff.*

*Sect. 7. Other Senate Responsibilities*

Faculty and University Staff

*Faculty Senate  
representation to other bodies shall  
include the following:*

*A. The University Budget  
Advisory Committee shall have  
three Senate representatives. One  
position is automatically filled by  
the Chair-elect of the Senate. The  
other two shall be elected to three-  
year terms, by written ballot, at the  
May meeting.*

*B. The HMOV (Heritage,  
Mission, Vision and Values)  
Committee serving the TCU Core  
Curriculum has Senate  
representation in accordance with  
the HMOV Charter. The two  
elected Senate representatives shall  
be elected, by written ballot, at the  
May meeting; the Committee on  
Committees shall appoint the  
remaining faculty.*

*C. The Faculty Senate  
Executive Committee shall have the  
discretionary power to appoint  
Senate Representatives to groups on  
campus and beyond not covered by  
the Committee on Committees  
charge, for example, the Coalition  
on Intercollegiate Athletics.*