

FOR MARCH 4, 2004 SENATE MEETING.

The Faculty Senate Faculty Governance Committee moves to edit the following statements in the Handbook for Faculty & Staff (TCU, 2003-2004) to the identified proposed language:

CHANGES PROPOSED TO CONSTITUTION OF THE FACULTY ASSEMBLY AND FACULTY SENATE (Handbook, 2003-2004, pp. 16-17)

1. Article I, section 2 B:

Present language: Full-time faculty with rank of Instructor or above, full-time administrative officers with similar faculty rank, and University staff with similar faculty rank are members of the Faculty Assembly with the right to participate in deliberations and to vote.

Proposed language: Full-time faculty with rank of Instructor or above, full-time administrative officers with similar faculty rank, and University full-time instructional staff with similar faculty rank are members of the Faculty Assembly with the right to participate in deliberations and to vote.

2. Article II, section 1, C1-3:

Present language: The Faculty Senate may originate nominations for honorary degrees.

1. Faculty members, administrative officials, members of the Board of Trustees, or any other person may suggest nominees to the Chair of the Faculty Senate.
2. Nominations by the Faculty Senate and Board of Trustees shall require the confirmation of both bodies.
3. After careful screening by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate and then approval by the Senate in executive session, names shall be forwarded confidentially to the Board of Trustees through the Chancellor.

Proposed language: The Faculty Senate may originate nominations for honorary degrees.

1. Faculty members, administrative officials, members of the Board of Trustees, or any other person associated with the University may suggest nominees for honorary degrees to the Chair of the Faculty Senate by January 15th of each academic year.
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3. After careful screening by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate and then confirmation by the Senate in executive session, names shall be forwarded confidentially, through the Chancellor, to the Board of Trustees for consideration at their annual spring meeting.

3. Article II, section 3B:

Present Language: The Chair-elect, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary . . . The incumbent Chair-elect shall become Chair. The Committee on Committees shall serve as the nominating committee for all officer elections.

Proposed Language: The Chair-elect, Secretary, and Assistant Secretary . . . The incumbent Chair-elect shall become Chair. The Committee on Committees, in consultation with the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, shall serve as the nominating committee for all officer elections.

4. Article II, section 4A

Present language: The Faculty Senate shall hold a minimum of four regular meetings a year.

Proposed Language: The Faculty Senate shall hold a minimum of four regular meetings each year. Normally, the Senate shall meet on the first Thursday of each month from September through May, with the exception of January.

5. Article II, section 4 (new D):

Present Language: none

Proposed Language: The Senate may vote on motions per electronic vote (e-ballot) if a face-to-face Senate discussion has been held but final details on an issue need to be clarified and communicated to Senators before an official vote by e-ballot occurs; e-balloting may also occur if special circumstances exist. In either case, the Senate must approve, by majority vote, voting by e-ballot.

6. Article II, section 4 (old D becomes new E)

7. Article II, section 5D:

Present Language: The committee shall consist of three senators elected by the Senate at the final Senate meeting each academic year and two additional faculty members, not necessarily Senators, appointed by the Chancellor. The three elected Senators shall serve three-year terms, with one term expiring each year. Committee members not reelected to the Senate may complete their terms. The committee shall serve in an advisory capacity in the preparation of the University budget and as a channel of communication between the faculty and administration concerning financial decisions. The Chair of the committee shall be chosen from the committee from the elected members.

Proposed language: The committee shall consist of three Senators elected by the Senate at the final Senate meeting each academic year. These members will include the Senate Chair-elect who will serve a one-year term and two Senators who will serve three-year terms, with one term expiring each year (staggered terms). These three Senators will serve as faculty representatives to the University Budget Advisory Committee and function in an advisory capacity in the preparation of the University budget and as a

channel of communication between the faculty and administration concerning financial decisions. Committee members and the Vice-Chancellor for Finance will collaborate to deliver a report on current budget decisions to the Senate each November and an additional report on long-term planning for the TCU budget each March.

CHANGES TO BYLAWS OF THE FACULTY ASSEMBLY AND FACULTY SENATE (Handbook, pp. 18-19) (APPROVED BY SENATE SEPTEMBER 2003) (NEED TO INSURE PROCESS OF CHANGING HANDBOOK):

1. Article II, section 3B:

Present Language: Parliamentarian. At the last meeting of each academic year, the Chair shall appoint a Parliamentarian from among the elected members.

Proposed Language: Parliamentarian. The current chair of the Committee on University Committees shall serve as the Parliamentarian during Senate meetings.

2. Article II, section 3C (new):

Present Language: none

Proposed Language: Historian. The Past-Chair of the Faculty Senate will serve as the Senate Historian and have the following responsibilities: advising the current Senate Chair on the historical foundation of Senate initiatives; serving as a resource at Senate meetings; and, consulting with previous Senate Chairs and officers to resolve questions regarding past Senate actions that cannot be fully explicated from examination of prior relevant meeting minutes.

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