

FACULTY AGENDA ITEM

Date: *March 26, 2018*

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SUBJECT: *TASK FORCE ON FACULTY SENATE CONSTITUTION*

Description: The Faculty Senate directs the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate to create a task force to review the Faculty Senate Constitution during the 2018-2019 academic year. This Task Force is charged with 1) issuing a report to the Faculty Senate and 2) making recommendations for changes to the Constitution, sections of the Faculty Handbook specifically dealing with the Faculty Senate Constitution, and/or any other standing procedures or rules of the Faculty Senate or its Subcommittees.

- The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate will appoint the Task Force.
- The Task Force will be comprised of approximately 12 members and will consist of faculty or emeritus faculty from each academic unit. The Vice President of Academic Affairs (or designee) will serve as a non-voting member.
- The Task Force will investigate any aspects of the Faculty Senate to determine any strengths and weaknesses. Given any weaknesses, the Task Force will research alternatives and where appropriate bring forward to the Faculty Senate recommendations for changes.
- The Vice President for Academic Affairs' office will provide administrative support for this Task Force.
- The Task Force will stay apprised of work being done by the Faculty Handbook Committee so as to limit any duplicated work.

Rationale: The Faculty Senate was first convened on May 3rd of 2005. Over the ensuing years a number of amendments to the constitution have been proposed and passed that have slowly evolved the Faculty Senate over time. What is proposed herein is to take a composite look at the Faculty Senate; and based on thirteen years of data, determine whether the duties of the Faculty Senate as described in Section 1.C. are being fulfilled or where possible improvements may be made in terms of organizational structure.

Financial Implications: *None*

Proposed Effective Date: *Upon passage by Faculty Senate*

Request for Action: *Approval by FS*

Approved by:

Faculty Senate on April 16, 2018

Attachments Yes No