

Senate Standing Committees (From Faculty Senate Constitution, Version: March 8, 2019)

The Academic Planning Committee shall normally be composed of no fewer than ten Senators. (1) APC shall recommend to the Senate policies pertaining to: curriculum & quality of instruction; research & scholarship funding; instructional & scholarly technology; long-range planning. (2) APC shall appoint one representative to serve on Undergraduate Council (two-year term); two representatives each to serve on the Library Advisory Committee and the Graduate Council (one to represent the three faculties and the other to represent the professional schools; staggered two-year terms); one representative to serve on the Internationalization Council (two-year term); one representative to serve on the Athletic Committee (two-year term); and one representative to serve on the Distance Learning Committee (two-year term). (3) APC shall meet twice per year, once in fall and once in spring, with the Associate Provost for Research to review and make recommendations about applications for the Faculty Research Fund (FRF). (4) The APC may opt to meet once per quarter jointly with the Executive Committee and the Provost.

The Financial Planning Committee shall normally be composed of no fewer than six Senators. This committee shall, in consultation with the Executive Committee, initiate such studies of financial policy as may contribute to the maximum effectiveness of the program of the University. It may also engage in studies requested by the administration through the Executive Committee of the Senate. The Committee shall meet once per quarter jointly with the Executive Committee, the Provost, and the Vice-Chancellor for Business and Financial Affairs.

The Nominations, Credentials and Rules Committee shall normally be composed of no fewer than six Senators. This committee shall establish procedures for nomination and election of officers and shall make nominations. It shall determine eligibility for membership in the Senate, in accordance with II.B; shall appoint standing committees, in accordance with V.C; keep files of committee memberships; inform each voting unit when a Senate seat is vacated; and, shall periodically consider the need for bringing the Constitution and By-Laws into conformity with current Senate practice. The committee shall, upon request of the President or the Executive Committee, assist in appointing Senate representatives to all-University committees.

The Personnel Committee shall normally be composed of no fewer than six Senators. This committee shall evaluate and recommend to the Senate all matters of policy respecting academic freedom, tenure, rank, advancement, evaluation, and improvement of services, salaries, and retirement annuities for faculty. The committee shall also consider and evaluate requests for sabbatical leaves and recommend faculty recipients of University honors.

The Student Relations Committee shall normally be composed of no fewer than six Senators. This committee shall investigate and make recommendations regarding academic and non-academic components of student and alumni life at the University. It shall also pay attention to student support services such as the Driscoll University Center, the Daniel L. Ritchie Sports and Wellness Center, and the bookstore. The Committee shall facilitate communication regarding these issues among faculty, staff, administrators, students and alumni and report annually to the Senate and to the student body on the progress of the Inclusive Learning Environments Initiative. The Committee, or members thereof, shall meet at least once per quarter with associate provosts and vice provosts in the undergraduate and graduate areas and in Campus Life, as well as with a representative from the Office of Alumni Relations.