

Faculty Senate Agenda
9/7/2018
9:00–10:00 a.m.
SUB 113AB

I. Welcome and Minutes

Action Items

- II. Proposed amendment to the bylaws.
- a. Tech formal name
 - b. Faculty Senate Membership Requirements

Informational Items

- III. Committee updates:
- a. Teaching Communities
 - b. Research Mentors
 - c. Program Prioritization Committee
 - d. WIRE

Discussion Items

- IV. The state of Tech committees –
- a. Has there been a(n over) proliferation of committees?
 - b. Is there an interest in reviewing and recommending committee mergers, dissolutions, or expansions?
 - c. Interest in discussion of diversity.
- V. Last minute scheduling changes (changes to teaching assignments) – Is this a campus-wide problem?
- VI. Faculty Senate Relation to PPC and WIRE recommendations
- VII. Faculty membership on the Deans'/Provost's Council
- VIII. Other Items

II.b. Faculty Senate Membership Requirements:

This applies to departments which are allowed faculty senate representation. The faculty of a department shall elect a "qualified representative" to the faculty senate by a majority vote of all faculty in that department, the department head casting a vote only in the event of and to break a tie. The department shall submit meeting minutes or other documentation certifying its choice.

Qualified representative defined: A representative to the faculty senate shall be qualified if both:

Tenured

At maximum academic rank (full professor, instructor III, etc.).

Exceptions:

1. If a department does not have any members meeting these qualifications, or if all members in that department who are qualified do not wish to serve, the department may select a tenured member who is not at maximum academic rank.
2. If there are no tenured members in the department, or if no tenured member wishes to serve, they may select any member of their department.
3. Current members of the faculty senate who do not meet these qualifications may remain until their term expires, or they may step down at their discretion.

VI. Shall the faculty senate take charge of the program prioritization and Wire committee functions and agendas?

Shall the faculty senate require that any recommendations of either committee be submitted to FIRST the faculty senate for review and amendment before further action, and that a faculty senate generated report be the official one?

Shall the faculty as a whole, vote on the final document from either committee before its release (or not)?

Has anything in WIRE or PPC identified an area where any faculty or staff are responsible for the decline in enrollment, budget, etc.? If not, why does it seem that only faculty and staff being considered for the chopping block?