

## Faculty Senate By-law changes to incorporate shared governance ideas

1. Become more proactive in advancing policies. Our bylaws establish the Senate as the principal authority, and originator, of academic and administrative policy. Too often we wait for fully formed policies to be presented as fait accompli to the Senate when we should be leading the effort and, if necessary, forcing the President to exercise their veto power and to give reasons for doing so.
  - a. **Article II: Purpose-could be rewritten to reflect a more proactive stance**
2. Seek observer seat at standing and ad hoc committees that impact faculty but that do not have faculty representation (the President's Executive Leadership Team meetings, Academic Affairs planning meetings, e.g.). The suggestion was made that these representatives not currently be serving in Chair/Director capacities in their home unit but be "standard" faculty.
  - a. **Would need to be added to Article VI: Committees, new section needed**
3. Request/Pass policy requiring (or more likely work with Provost to establish culture) that memoranda and policies in development – even those in response to "emergency" matters – are presented to a committee of the Senate for review and comment no less than TWO (or THREE) weeks prior to enactment. Ideally, the Senate president would help establish the most appropriate committee for review and establish a calendar that would allow for a full Senate open forum if need be.
  - a. **Would need to be added to Article VI: Committees if we are suggesting a new committee be created**
4. Establish an annual "Faculty Governance Assessment" report/scorecard. Drawing on data from the annual faculty union survey a short annual report/scorecard should be developed that focuses on shared governance issues. The report should include faculty perceptions of the relationship with the President and Provost with regard to governance matters
  - a. **This would be an entirely new article added to the by-laws.**
5. Encourage College faculty assemblies to be more proactive in discussing governance matters and submitting them to Senate. Establish a schedule where assembly chairs are invited to policy committee meetings annually to discuss governance/policy matters.
  - a. **Could be added to Article VII. Campus Faculty Senates**  
**A new section D could be added with a schedule of reports to be made to the Policy committee**