

Resolutions
Presented to the Faculty Senate
by the Faculty Handbook Committee
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Resolution 1: Membership of Budget Advisory Committee

WHEREAS the current description of the Budget Advisory Committee membership in the *Faculty Handbook* (Ch. 7, Section I. E. 3):

1. Does not specify the term length for non-classified staff members;
2. Does not specify that non-classified members must be in a reporting line to the vice-presidents appointing them;
3. Does not allow the provost to appoint a representative who is not a director of an academic unit, even if that representative would be most qualified to serve, such as the assistant provost for finance;
4. Includes the president-elect of the Student Government Association, even though such a position does not exist;

WHEREAS the Faculty Handbook Committee voted unanimously to approve the following changes to the Budget Advisory Committee membership (see attached for exact wording):

1. Non-classified staff members will serve two-year rotating terms with three members beginning terms in odd numbered years and two members beginning terms in even numbered years;
2. Non-classified members must be in a reporting line to the vice-presidents appointing them;
3. The provost will appoint a designee reporting directly to the provost;
4. The membership will include the vice-presidents of the Faculty Senate (also the president elect), the Staff Senate (also the president elect), and the Student Government Association;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate approves the attached changes to the description of the Budget Advisory Committee in the *Faculty Handbook*.

E. Budget Advisory Committee (BAC)

3. Membership: The budget advisory committee will have the following voting members:
 - a. The presidents of the Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and Student Government Association
 - b. One faculty representative from each college elected by each college from among the tenured faculty in the college. Representatives are elected to two-year terms with Health and Behavioral Sciences, Education, and Fine Arts and Communication electing new representatives in the spring elections of even-numbered years, and Business, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Liberal Arts electing new representatives in the Spring elections of odd-numbered years.
 - c. One faculty member elected at-large from among faculty members not working within the six formal colleges. The representative is elected as needed to a two year term as part of an at-large Faculty Senate election. All faculty members are eligible to vote for this representative.
 - d. A non-classified staff member selected by the vice-president for administration from a list of three nominees selected by the Staff Senate. ~~The nominees will be in a reporting line to the vice-president for administration.~~
 - e. A non-classified staff member selected by the vice-president for financial services from a list of three nominees selected by the Staff Senate. ~~The nominees will be in a reporting line to the vice-president for financial services.~~
 - f. A non-classified staff member selected by the vice-president for student services from a list of three nominees selected by the Staff Senate. ~~The nominees will be in a reporting line to the vice-president for student services.~~
 - g. ~~A director of an academic unit that~~ ~~designee reports directly to the provost (e.g., a dean, the director of the library, etc.)~~ selected by the provost ~~who reports directly to the provost (e.g., a dean, the director of the library, etc.).~~
 - h. A designee selected by the director of athletic administration. The director of athletic administration cannot serve on the BAC.

~~Members d, f, and h will serve two-year rotating terms beginning in odd numbered years. Members e and g will serve two-year rotating terms beginning in even numbered years.~~

The committee will also include as non-voting members the ~~presidents-elect~~ ~~vice-presidents~~ of the Faculty Senate, the Staff Senate, and the Student Government Association. The vice president of finance will attend meetings in a non-voting advisory role to deliver budget reports as required in the committee charge and to answer questions about the budget process. In addition, the BAC will be assisted by a non-voting committee staff consisting of the controller, the director of institutional research, a budget specialist from the division of financial services and a secretary from the division of financial services.

The chair of the committee will be the president of the Faculty Senate.

Resolution 2: Definition of Vote for Tenure or Promotion

WHEREAS the current *Faculty Handbook* does not specify what constitutes a positive or negative recommendation from a tenure and promotion committee;

WHEREAS the Faculty Handbook Committee voted unanimously to approve the following changes to the fourth paragraph of Ch. 3, Section VIII. B. 1 (The Department Tenure and Promotion Committee):

For each candidate for tenure, the committee will receive determine a positive or negative recommendation by a simple majority vote, and the committee shall explain the rationale for this recommendation in a separate letter to the department chair. For each candidate for promotion, the committee will receive determine a positive or negative recommendation by a simple majority vote. The committee shall explain the rationale for this recommendation in a separate letter to the department chair. Positive recommendations for promotion will be placed in priority order.

WHEREAS the Faculty Handbook Committee voted unanimously to approve the following changes to the fifth paragraph of Ch. 3, Section VIII. C. 1 (The College Tenure and Promotion Committee):

The committee's chief responsibilities are to evaluate the candidate's qualifications for tenure and/or promotion, check the file for consistency with the departmental, college, and university policies and procedures, and review the completeness of the information presented. For each candidate for tenure, the committee will receive determine a positive or negative recommendation by a simple majority vote. The committee shall explain the rationale for this recommendation in a separate letter to the college dean. For each candidate for promotion, the committee will receive determine a positive or negative recommendation by a simple majority vote. The committee shall explain the rationale for this recommendation in a separate letter. Positive recommendations for promotion will be placed in priority order.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate approves the above changes to the *Faculty Handbook*.