

I. FACULTY SENATE CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME

1. The assembly of the faculty members and officers hereinafter provided for shall be known as the Faculty Senate of Temple University (“Faculty Senate”).
2. A constituent body, known as the Representative Senate, shall be composed of elected members of the Senate in accordance with Article III of this Constitution, and shall act in the name of and be responsible to the Faculty Senate.

ARTICLE II – POWERS

1. The Faculty Senate, and the Representative Senate, shall act as bodies of the representative of the faculties of Temple University. Their concerns shall include all matters of University interest that apply or may apply to more than one school.
2. The Faculty Senate shall have the responsibility and right, by exercise of one or more of its powers, to advise the administration and the Board of Trustees (1) on all matters of University policy, (2) on all matters affecting the relations of the faculty of the university, and (3) on all other matters of policy and administrative decision-making in which the faculty claims a reasonable advisement either through consultation or review and either at the initiation of the administration or at its own recognizance. The Faculty Senate, through the process of recommendation, may initiate advice to the administration and Board of Trustees on any matter of policy, decision and program.
3. The powers of the Faculty Senate (more specifically delineated in the bylaws) shall be exercised through (a) consultation, (b) review, (c) ratification, and (d) recommendation. In all cases where the exercise of one or more of these powers applies, the Faculty Senate and its committees shall be understood to be acting as advisor to the administration and the Board of Trustees. The University Faculty Senate shall develop closer relations with the Board of Trustees including representation of the faculty on the Board, or its committees, by means agreed to by the Board of Trustees.
5. The Faculty shall be empowered to overrule any decision of the Representative Senate by a vote of the majority of those voting.
6. As a necessary means by which the powers of the Faculty Senate can be exercised, the administration shall bring to the Faculty Senate through the Steering Committee full information concerning new academic policies, possible changes in existing policies which are being considered, new programs, possible changes in existing programs which are being planned, and all major administrative decisions which are being reviewed or for which ratification is requested.
7. The Board of Trustees shall request the advice and counsel of the Steering Committee of the Faculty Senate whenever the termination of tenured faculty on account of retrenchment is seriously contemplated.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

1. Every member of the Temple University faculty with full-time faculty status and every professional librarian with a full-time appointment in the University shall be a member of the Faculty Senate. Department chairs and academic program directors shall be members of the Faculty Senate and may be members of the Representative Senate. Administrators, with the exception of ex-officio members, shall

not be members of the Faculty or Representative Senates. The President of the University and the Provost shall be ex officio members of the Faculty and Representative Senates.

2. Each school or college of the University shall have its own Collegial Assembly with its own presiding officer and steering and standing committees. The Collegial Assembly shall have regular meetings and such rules and procedures as it may deem necessary. Each Collegial Assembly shall determine its own members provided that every member of the college who is a non-ex officio Faculty Senator must be a member of each Collegial Assembly.

3. Each school or college shall elect to the Representative Senate representatives in proportion to the number of Faculty Senators in that school, provided that no school shall have fewer than three representatives. The University Librarians shall elect two voting members to the Representative Senate. Departments with full-time faculty which are not formally a part of any school or college shall have the right to elect one representative Faculty Senator. The total number of faculty members in the Representative Faculty Senate shall be 150. Before March 1 of the current academic year, the Dean of each school shall certify to the Steering Committee of the Faculty Senate the number of senators on his/her school's faculty. Representative Senators must be voting members of their Collegial Assemblies.

4. Representative Senators shall be elected for a three-year term to the Representative Senate with one-third to be elected each year on a proportional basis by each of the Collegial Assemblies.

ARTICLE IV- OFFICERS and STEERING COMMITTEE

1. The Faculty Senate shall elect three officers each year. These shall be a President, a Vice President and a Secretary. These officers shall each be elected by a majority of those voting for terms of one year or until his/her successor is elected.

2. The Steering Committee shall consist of one Faculty Senator from each school as elected by the Collegial Assembly of the school for a three-year term, one-third to be elected each year. The President of the Faculty Senate shall serve as the Chair of the Steering Committee. The Vice President of the Faculty Senate shall serve as the Vice Chair of the Steering Committee, and the Secretary of the Faculty Senate shall serve as the secretary of the Steering Committee. The Steering Committee shall also have as an officer the immediate Past President of the Faculty Senate.

3. Except as mandated by the bylaws or collective bargaining agreements, the Steering Committee shall appoint the Faculty Senators who shall serve on all committees.

4. The Steering Committee shall be empowered to reject the inclusion of any item on the agenda of the Senate which it deems, upon careful consideration, within the exclusive jurisdiction of any one school.

5. The Steering Committee shall arrange an agenda for all meetings and shall perform such duties as the Senate may direct.

6. Each school or college will designate a Faculty Senator to serve as its alternate Steering Committee member. The alternate Steering Committee member may replace the Steering Committee member of the school or college in the event the member is unable to attend a meeting of the Steering Committee, and shall serve with full voting rights while replacing the Steering Committee member.

ARTICLE V- COMMITTEES

1. The Faculty Senate is empowered by a majority of those voting to establish standing and special committees of the Senate and joint standing or joint special committees in concert with the Student

Senate.

2. The President of the University may request the Steering Committee to establish special committees.

ARTICLE VI – MEETINGS

1. The Faculty Senate shall hold a meeting in the last month of each semester for the purpose of reviewing the actions of the Representative Faculty Senate and for the conduct of such business as may come before it. Special meetings may be called by petition of 25 Senators, by a majority vote of the Representative Senate, by the Steering Committee, or by the President of the Faculty Senate.

2. The Representative Faculty Senate shall hold stated monthly meetings during the academic year. Special meetings may be called by the President, by the Steering Committee, or by the written demand of 25 members.

3. The Steering Committee shall have the power to invite any members of the University faculty or administration not regular members of the Senate to any meeting as guests of the Senate. The Steering Committee may decide when meeting will be open only to Faculty Senators.

4. Any University Senator shall have the right to attend Representative Faculty Senate meetings and shall have the right to be heard, but the chair shall first recognize the voting elected representatives.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a proposal presented at a Faculty Senate meeting, followed by discussion and possible amendments at a subsequent Faculty Senate meeting, followed by an email vote with two-thirds of those voting to approve.

ARTICLE VIII – BYLAWS

The Faculty Senate shall adopt bylaws to define and regulate details of its organization and to function under this constitution, but no bylaws shall alter in anyway the provisions herein laid down.