

- e. Members of the Board of Regents have the right to attend meetings of the Faculty Assembly, except when the assembly elects to meet in executive session. [See Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, Art. XIII, Sec. 73, p. 299.] Board members may be given the right to speak but they shall not have the right to vote.
- f. Part-time teaching staff other than adjunct professors and part-time tenure eligible faculty shall have the privilege of attending Faculty Assembly meetings except when the assembly elects to meet in executive session, and may be given the right to speak though not the right to vote. Tenure eligible part-time faculty and part-time teaching staff with the rank of adjunct professor shall enjoy all the rights of full-time faculty within the Faculty Assembly, including both voice and vote.
- g. The parliamentary authority governing meetings of the Faculty Assembly shall be Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, subject to amendment by the assembly.

**SECTION 2. Faculty Officers**

- a. Faculty officers shall consist of the chair of the faculty, the vice-chair of the faculty, and the faculty secretary.
- b. The chair of the faculty shall preside at the meetings of the Faculty Assembly. In the absence of the chair of the faculty, the vice-chair shall preside. In the absence of both the chair and the vice-chair, the chair's designated representative shall preside
- c. The chair, vice-chair, and secretary shall perform such duties as designated in the Faculty Constitution, Faculty Bylaws, faculty legislation, and directives of the Faculty Assembly.

**SECTION 3. Faculty Executive Committee**

- a. The Faculty Executive Committee shall consist of the chair, vice-chair, and secretary of the faculty, **the elected representative to the Board of Regents**, the chairs of the faculty standing committees, the president, and the provost.

**SECTION 4. The Faculty Committee System**

- a. The faculty shall have the power to create and dissolve committees. All such committees shall remain responsible to the faculty.
- b. The faculty shall have the power to determine the composition, method of selection, purposes and duties of its committees subject to the terms of this Constitution and Bylaws.
- c. The general purpose of the Governance Committee shall be to facilitate the successful operation of the entire committee system.

**SECTION 5. Academic Structure and Officers of the University**

- a. The university academic structure shall consist of such entities as may, from time to time, be established by the Board of Regents upon recommendation of the faculty in consultation with the president.
- b. The president of the university shall nominate to the Board of Regents for their approval all officers of instruction and academic administration, such as the provost, vice presidents, deans, divisional chairs, department chairs, as well as members of the teaching faculty.

**SECTION 6. Bylaws to the Constitution and Rules**

- a. Such Bylaws and Rules of Order as are deemed necessary to the interpretation and implementation of this Constitution shall be drafted for adoption together with the Constitution.
- b. Amendment to the Bylaws or Rules of Order
  - 1) Amendments to the Bylaws or Rules of Order originate within the faculty.
  - 2) The Faculty Assembly shall determine its own rules governing the introduction and consideration of proposed amendments.
  - 3) An amendment shall not be deemed approved unless it receives endorsement by at least two-thirds of those voting, a quorum being present, except as noted in paragraph 4, below.
  - 4) If a particular provision of the Bylaws or Rules of Order establishes a validating vote in excess of two-thirds, then the amendment shall not be deemed approved unless it receives endorsement by at least that fraction of the vote specified in the provision, a quorum being present.

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