



# Updating the Constitution of the Faculty Senate

The University of Toledo

# Committee Charge/Responses

- Update the Documents
  - Remove/change language that was needed during merger
  - Update titles and names of various entities
  - Bring “Band-Aid” legislation into the documents
- Make Documents more user friendly
  - Divide provisions of existing documents by themes
  - Change some provisions to make new documents more responsive to a changing situation
  - Reduce the size of the Constitution to avoid crises

# Existing/Proposed Constitution

## Articles of Existing Constitution

- Article I. Scope
- Article II. Responsibilities and Jurisdiction
- Article III. Membership and Organization
- Article IV. Term
- Article V. Executive Committee
- Article VI. Officer Duties
- Article VII. Meetings of the University Faculty
- Article VIII. Secret Ballot
- Article IX. Elections
- Article X. Non-Member Rights
- Article XI. Amendment
- Article XII. Interpretation
- Article XIII. Shared Governance
- Article XIV. Transitional Provisions

## Articles of New Constitution

- Article I. Scope
- Article II. Responsibilities and Jurisdiction
- Article III. Membership Eligibility
- Article IV. Executive Committee
- Article V. Faculty Senate Bylaws and Rules
- Article VI. Special Meetings of the University Faculty
- Article VII. Non-Member Rights
- Article VIII. Shared Governance
- Article IX. Amendment
- Article X. Interpretation
- Article XI. Referendum

# Existing Appendix/Proposed Bylaws

## Articles of Existing Appendix

- I. University Faculty Elections
- II. Elections of University Committee on Academic Personnel (UCAP) and University Committee on Sabbaticals (UCS)
- III. Implementation and Reconsideration of Action taken by the Faculty Senate in the Name of the University Faculty
- IV. College Governance
- V. Amendment

## Articles of New Bylaws

- I. Size and Apportionment of Faculty Senate
- II. Term of Senators
- III. Faculty Senate Executive Committee
- IV. Officer Duties
- V. Meetings
- VI. Voting
- VII. Log and Calendar of the Faculty Senate
- VIII. Committees
- IX. Implementation and Reconsideration of Action taken by the Faculty Senate in the Name of the University Faculty
- X. Election and Removal of Officers.
- XI. Election of Faculty Representatives to University Committees and Other Bodies.  
*(NOTE: THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO ELECTION TO UCAP OR UCS. SEE FACULTY SENATE CONSTITUTION RULES ARTICLE III FOR ELECTORATE, ELIGIBILITY AND ELECTION PROCEDURES FOR THESE BODIES.)*
- XII. College Governance Instructions for Newly Forming Colleges
- XIII. Amendment

# Existing Rules/Proposed Rules

## Articles of Existing Rules

- I. Meetings
- II. Voting
- III. Log and Calendar of the Faculty Senate
- IV. Committees
- V. Rule Amendment
- VI. Election and Removal of Officers
- VII. Election of Faculty Representatives to University Committees and Other Bodies
- VIII. Reporting Responsibility

## Articles of New Rules

- I. Committee Rules
- II. University Faculty Elections Rules
- III. Elections of University Committee on Academic Personnel (UCAP) and University Committee on Sabbaticals (UCS)
- IV. Rule Amendment
- V. Reporting Responsibility

# Process

- Constitution Requires vote 2/3 majority vote of entire faculty
- Constitution needs to be read twice at two consecutive regular Faculty Senate meetings in order to be received for faculty vote
- Constitution is received article by article – Senate votes on each article one at a time. Senate members may make counter proposals to specific Articles
- Faculty members should see all 3 sets of documents at the time of voting, but they are voting on Constitution only
- Lengthy process cannot be completed this academic year; Constitution and Rules Committee members agreed to stay in place for next year in order to complete the process

# Thanks to Committee Members!

- Templin, Mark - Education (Chair)
- Bishop, Bryan - Pharmacy
- Gilchrist, Greg - Law
- Lee, Wade - Library
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- Wedding, Don - Business and Innovation
- Steven, Robert - Natural Sciences and Mathematics
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