

UW REGULATION 2-301 Faculty Senate

I. PURPOSE

~~The Board~~Article 7, Section 17 of ~~Trustees, with and subject to the regulations the~~ Constitution of the ~~Board~~State of ~~Trustees and applicable provisions of law, confers~~ responsibility Wyoming states that the “legislature shall provide by law for University educational and academic programs and policies on the University Faculty. These powers, subject to the ~~Authority~~management of the ~~Board~~university, its land and its property by a board of trustees.” Wyoming Statute 21-17-204 states that the “board of ~~Trustees,~~trustees shall prescribe rules for the government of the university and all its branches.”

Wyoming Statute 21-17-103 states the following:

The president and professors of the university shall be styled “the faculty”, and may enforce rules and regulations adopted by the trustees for the government of students, reward and censure students as they may deserve, and generally exercise such discipline, in harmony with the regulations, as is necessary for the good order of the institution. The faculty may present to the trustees for degrees and honors such students as are expressed throughentitled thereto, and in testimony thereof, when ordered by the board, suitable diplomas, certificates or other testimonials under the seal of the university, and the signatures of the faculty. When, in course of time, distinct colleges or departments of the university are duly organized and in active operation, the immediate government of such departments shall, in like manner, be entrusted to their respective faculties.

This Regulation describes the basic organization of the Faculty Senate, and how faculty authority is exercised at the University.

II. DEFINITIONS

Faculty Senate: Membership to, organization of, and policies and procedures of the Faculty Senate are established in the Faculty Senate Bylaws. The Faculty Senate, subject to review and approval in accordance with UW Regulations, establishes ~~the educational and academic policies which promote and protect the interests and welfare of the University community, protects academic freedom, and furthers the full and free development and presentation of scholarly learning, governing the~~ teaching, research, creative activity, and service aspects of the University’s academic mission.

Faculty Senate Executive Committee: ~~membership~~Membership on the Executive Committee is by election from the Faculty Senate. The offices, organization, policies, and procedures of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee are established in this ~~regulation~~Regulation and the Faculty Senate Bylaws.

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48 **Faculty Senate Coordinator:** The Faculty Senate Coordinator manages and executes the
49 administrative support functions of the Faculty Senate, the Faculty Senate Chair, the
50 Faculty Senate Executive Committee, and the Committee on Committees.

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52 **Faculty Senate Standing Committees:** Support and report to the Faculty Senate. They
53 may report directly to Academic Affairs when appropriate in accordance with the Faculty
54 Senate Bylaws.

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56 **III. DELEGATION OF POWERS**

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58 The powers conferred upon the University Faculty by the Board of Trustees, subject to the
59 limitations stated herein, shall be vested in the Faculty Senate and established by this
60 Regulation, which body shall act for and ~~in~~on behalf of the University Faculty in the
61 exercise of said powers.

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63 **IV. FACULTY RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITY**

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65 ~~The~~These regulations recognize that the faculty's authority is subject to the powers of the
66 ~~Faculty Senate conferred by the Board of Trustees~~ includes and the President of the
67 University, as prescribed in the Bylaws of the Trustees, and to state and federal law.
68 Consistent with the foregoing, faculty responsibilities include the following:

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70 **A.** To establish and review ~~policies for student curricula and courses~~curriculum;

71 **B.** To establish ~~policies for~~ general requirements for conferring degrees, ~~diplomas, and~~
72 certificates, ~~and honorary degrees~~;

73 **C.** To establish ~~policies and~~ standards for admission, registration and retention,
74 dismissal ~~of students~~, and ~~other matters related to the~~ education of students;

75 **D.** Participation in formulating and implementing policies governing ~~the status~~
76 ~~of standards and procedures for~~ faculty, including their appointment appointments,
77 promotion, and tenure, post tenure review, ~~fixed term, dismissal,~~ academic
78 freedom, sabbatical leave, and economic employment benefits, and conduct and
79 discipline;

80 **E.** Participation in planning, ~~developing, allocating and using the University's human,~~
81 ~~fiscal, and~~ and decisions regarding physical resources, including formation of
82 policies and procedures for space allocation, and budgetary priorities of the
83 University ~~and participation~~;

84 **F.F.** Participation on any Financial ~~Crisis~~Exigency Advisory Committee;

85 **F.G.** ~~Participation with the Board of Trustees in~~To provide input on the selection of a
86 new President and a Provost of the University;

87 **G.H.** To propose amendments or additions to ~~the Bylaws of the Trustees,~~ provide
88 recommendations on, and be substantially involved in establishing UW Regulations
89 and Standard Administrative Policies and Procedures that have an impact on the
90 academic mission, including but not limited to curriculum, degrees and certificates,
91 and admission, retention, dismissal and education of students;

92 **H.I.** To provide a means for which any matter ~~of interest to the Faculty or~~ pertaining to
93 the ~~University and its purposes~~ academic mission may be brought to the Faculty
94 Senate or the University Faculty for discussion and appropriate action; and

95 **I.J.** ~~Establishing~~ To establish and ~~maintaining~~ maintain the Faculty Senate Bylaws.

96 The ~~Faculty's~~ authority ~~of the Faculty Senate~~ shall not limit the powers or authority of the
97 Board of Trustees, the University President, academic or administrative officers, or any
98 College, department or unit, granted by law, the Bylaws of the Trustees, ~~or~~ the UW
99 Regulations, or other University policies and procedures.

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101 **V. MEMBERSHIP**

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103 The Faculty Senate shall consist of elected members and *ex officio* members. All voting
104 members of the University Faculty defined in UW Regulation 2-300 shall be eligible for
105 elected membership to the Faculty Senate.

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107 *Ex officio* members shall be the President of the University, the Vice Presidents of the
108 University, University Deans, the Chair of the Staff Senate, and the President of the
109 Associated Students of the University of Wyoming or designated representative, all having
110 the same privileges as elected members except the right to vote.

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112 **VI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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114 **A.** The Executive Committee shall consist of the following: The Chair, the Chair-
115 Elect, the Immediate Past-Chair, the Secretary of the Faculty Senate, and four
116 Members-at-Large who shall be elected from the voting membership of the Faculty
117 Senate. The Chairs of the Faculty Senate Standing Committees shall serve as *ex*
118 *officio* members of the Executive Committee.

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120 **B.** The Chair of the Faculty Senate shall serve as the Chair of the Executive
121 Committee.

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123 **C.** The Executive Committee shall have general supervision of the affairs of the
124 Faculty Senate and its standing committees; fix the hour and place, and prepare the
125 agenda for the Faculty Senate meetings; perform such other duties as are specified
126 in this UW Regulation or the Faculty Senate Bylaws; or perform duties which may
127 be assigned to it by the Faculty Senate.

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129 **VII. FACULTY SENATE COORDINATOR**

- 131 A. The ~~University~~President shall appoint a staff member to serve as the Faculty Senate
132 Coordinator. The role of the Faculty Senate Coordinator is the coordination,
133 management, and execution of the administrative support functions of the Faculty
134 Senate, the Faculty Senate Chair, the Executive Committee, and the Committee on
135 Committees.
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- 137 B. The Faculty Senate Coordinator shall be a non-voting member of the Executive
138 Committee and the Committee on Committees.
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140 **VIII. STANDING COMMITTEES**

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142 The Faculty Senate shall establish ~~Standing~~standing committees for identified areas of
143 continuing faculty authority and responsibility, which shall have duty for review, study,
144 and the initiation, or review prior to Senate action, of matters within its area of authority
145 and responsibility. Every committee will have a charge from the Faculty Senate Bylaws or
146 in writing from the Senate concerning its function. Standing ~~Committees~~committees shall
147 be established and disestablished by the Faculty Senate, and they shall be responsible for
148 duties as may be determined by the Faculty Senate.
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150 The Faculty Senate Bylaws shall define the duties, function, structure, and composition of
151 individual ~~Standing Committees~~standing committees, the structure of subcommittees,
152 times and reporting of meetings, commencement of service, the election of ~~Standing~~
153 ~~Committee~~standing committee officers, the use of alternates and permanent replacements,
154 the use and definition of *ex-officio* members, the use of experts for consultation with or
155 outside of the university, and representation on committees of the interests of the
156 Associated Students of the University of Wyoming.
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158 Chairs of Faculty Senate committees shall be ratified by the Faculty Senate.
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160 **IX. MEETINGS**

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162 The Faculty Senate Executive Committee shall establish regular Faculty Senate meeting
163 dates and times for the year in the spring semester preceding the academic year, and shall
164 call additional meetings when it deems necessary or upon petition by ten or more Senators.
165 Meetings of the Faculty Senate shall occur not less than once per month between
166 September and May, inclusive.
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168 **X. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

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170 The rules contained in the most recent Robert's Rules of Order Revised shall govern the
171 Faculty Senate in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not
172 inconsistent with this Regulation. Robert's Rules may be suspended upon a 2/3 vote of the
173 senate for a particular non-senate action reason. Order shall return to Robert's Rules once
174 the particular reason is completed.
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176 **XI. BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS**

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178 Following each Faculty Senate meeting, the Executive Committee shall publish a summary
179 of bills and resolutions introduced, matters under consideration by committees, action on
180 bills and resolutions, members absent, and other significant matters. All bills and
181 resolutions passed by the Faculty Senate shall be authenticated by the [Secretary and Faculty](#)
182 [Senate Coordinator](#), transmitted to the President for review and forwarded to the Board of
183 Trustees for consideration in accordance with UW Regulation 1-101. ~~The President may~~
184 ~~elect to return a bill or resolution to the Faculty Senate for further consideration. If the~~
185 ~~Faculty Senate again passes the returned bill or resolution by a ¾ vote, the President shall~~
186 ~~refer the bill or resolution to the Board of Trustees at their next regularly scheduled~~
187 ~~meeting.~~

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189 **XII. FACULTY SENATE BYLAWS**

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191 The Faculty Senate Bylaws shall be established and maintained by the Faculty Senate.
192 Approval of and changes to the Faculty Senate Bylaws requires a 2/3 vote of the Faculty
193 Senate at a regular meeting of the Faculty Senate.



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195 **Effective Date:** July 1, 2019

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197 **Responsible Division/Unit:** Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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199 **Source:** None

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201 **Links:**

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203 **Associated Regulations, Policies, and Forms:** UW Regulation 2-300 University Faculty

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205 **History:**