

UNIVERSITY SENATE ORIENTATION HIGHLIGHTS -- GOVERNANCE RETREAT 2012

University Senate Membership

50 members in all with

2 non-voting members

*The Provost (Chief Academic Officer)
and University President each hold
an ex officio non-voting position
on the University Senate*

48 voting members

37 Elected Faculty Senators

5 Presidential Appointees

4 Selected Staff Senators

2 Selected Student Senators

University Senate Functions

Faculty Governance Body with
University-wide membership

*The University Senate strives to be mindful and respectful of
matters that are more appropriately handled at the
divisional, college, and department levels, but may make
recommendations concerning matters within these areas
that have broader institutional impact or implications.*

Has all faculty legislative authority

Univ. Policy-Recommendation Assembly

Advisory Role (policy/procedure)

subject to University President approval

University Policy

*A policy is a statement of record that
governs the conduct of the university
community and/or embodies a general
principle that guides university affairs*

Three Flavors of Policy

Academic Policy (APC, CAPC, FAPC)

non-academic Student Policy (SAPC)

Institutional Policy (RPIPC)

Responsibilities/Expectations of Senators

Proactively seek out issues (bylaws V.2.B.2)

*V. Section 2.B.2. Proactive. Committees shall consult with the
Executive Committee as to relevant issues, policies, and
procedures that shall be the work of the committee
and to seek out and identify
concerns within its area of responsibility.*

Two-way communication with constituency

Prepare for committee/senate meetings

Right to speak, debate, and vote on issues

Attendance: Extend "Regrets" to Chair/Secretary

University Senate Committees

Executive Committee (ECUS)

faculty advisory body to the University President
steering committee of the University Senate

Five Standing Committees

Academic Policy (APC)

Curriculum & Assessment (CAPC)

Faculty Affairs (FAPC)

Resources, Planning, and IP (RPIPC)

Student Affairs (SAPC)

2 Subcommittees

Subc on Nominations (SCoN to ECUS)

Subc on Core Curriculum (SoCC to CAPC)

Official Statements

University Senate Mission

Shaping the Future through Shared Governance

Motion Flow & Proposal Submission Checklists

University Senate Vision

University Senate Beliefs (6)

Governing Concepts (7)

(1) Shared Sense of Purpose, (2) Collegial Leadership,

(3) Transparent Decision Making,

(4) Investment in Shared Governance, (5) Shared Information

(6) Positive Motivators, (7) Adequate Resources

Meeting Etiquette

Robert's Rules "Cheat Sheet"