

Senate Council
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Proposed Charge and Rationale for Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Ex Officio Members
(and Voting Rights)

Rationale: Given the recent reorganization of the Provost's office and elimination of positions and shifting of responsibilities, the Senate Rules on voting membership need to be updated. Therefore, we propose to assess the role of non-faculty in Senate actions which are advisory to the administration and those which are the purview of the faculty and make recommendations to the Senate Council. Deans, Chairs, VPs, and members of the Provost staff have multiple formal avenues for input on academic administrative proposals; e.g., Dean's Council, Chair's Council, but neither the Senate Council nor Senate at large have representation in these bodies.

Charge: To identify the number and role of non-faculty, ex officio members of the University Senate and to make recommendations to the Senate Council regarding their respective voting status.

Composition: A committee of five: three faculty and one student member of the SC plus the chair of the SREC as an ex-officio, voting member.