

Transmission of PROPOSAL to Senate Report

Background Information for Proposal

<i>Agenda Item Name:</i>	Proposed Changes to Senate Rules 1.3 and SR 1.4.1
<i>Rationale for proposal:</i>	At its retreat in May 2022, the Senate Council supported a standardization of language related to academic councils and committees. These changes have been made and are being presented for feedback. The proposed changes have also been distributed to the three academic councils with a request that they provide feedback to the Senate Council office. When all comments/suggestions have been received, a final version will be prepared for review by the Senate Council and approval by the Senate. Once the changes have been approved, DeShana will request the SREC to review the changes and make any necessary edits, adjustments, etc.
<i>General description and type of proposal:</i>	Campuswide policies (including SR changes) - more details on page 2 Change
<i>Reviewing body and chair:</i>	Senate Council office Administrative office
<i>Proposer's name and affiliation:</i>	Senate Council office
<i>Committee Would Like:</i>	Would like a discussion for further input: Comments from SC will be incorporated into a final version that the Senate Council will see in October. Members are encouraged to submit any detailed comments in writing to the Chair.
<i>Requested effective date:</i>	Spring 2023
<i>Involve Senate Rules change?</i>	Yes

Additional Information Below (not applicable for every proposal)

<i>Voting Info:</i>	<u>In favor</u> <u>Opposed</u> <u>Abstained</u>
<i>If applicable, which SR section is being changed?</i>	Section 1 - The University Senate

Further Description of Edits to SR 1.3 and SR 1.4.1

In keeping with the SREC's practice of breaking information into separate sections, the passages for Senate committees now have separate sections for Chair, for Voting Faculty Membership, for Ex Officio Nonvoting Membership, etc. The vast majority of the edits can be described as rearranging existing language so that there is less confusion.

Below is a description of the non-clerical changes made, to reflect current and expected future practices.

- The SAPC charge was modified to remove references to their “permanent subcommittees” because the committee hasn’t functioned that way in years.
- The SAOSC charge was modified to include suspension of admissions and closure.
- The SAASC charge was modified to include reviews of significant program changes.
- The SREC charge was modified to include certification of elections for academic councils.
- Initial edits from the UC chair reflect their long-standing desire to modify the membership of UC.
 - There will be one member from each undergraduate college, except that Arts and Sciences will hold two seats. Previously, some seats were shared among colleges, resulting in the possibility that a college was not always being represented.
 - Public Health offers an undergraduate degree but has heretofore not been included in the UC composition, so that college has been added.
 - As a result of the simpler composition, colleges will be expected to conduct an election process on their own for UC members. Previously, the UC chair acquired a list of faculty, identified which faculty were eligible, asked the colleges to submit nominees, and then the UC coordinator ran a Qualtrics-based survey as the final election process. Because of the expectation that the SREC will begin certifying academic council elections this year, the eligibilities of faculty for the UC (and other academic councils) will be overseen by the SREC.
- Edited name and moved language for Diversity and Inclusion Committee and for the Disability Accommodation and Compliance Committee from the “advisory” type of committee to a “standing” committee. The existing SR definition of an advisory committee is one that is appointed by the President; these two committees have always been appointed by the SC. They were moved up into the section on standing committees and “advisory” was removed from their names.
- Retained language that presumes ex officio members are nonvoting unless described otherwise, but now each committee also has a section that explicitly describes whether ex officio members are voting or nonvoting.
- Although the passages for SACPT and USHP could stand some additional edits, those committees are of such standing that only minimal edits were made. However, after Senate approval it would be appropriate for the SREC to update those sections to match the format of the other committees and councils and ensure nothing of substance has changed.
- It is practically impossible to remove all the instances of “Error! Reference source not found” but those will be addressed when the changes are codified.
- Because it no longer “fits” in the section on committees, after Senate approval DeShana will ask the SREC to discuss where the section on the Lewis Honors College Faculty should be moved to.