

## Issues for SC Deliberation

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### A. Language on Recommending

**Issue:** The various subsections on the various committees have different language and states that the given committee:

- shall recommend on ....
- shall recommend to the Senate Council on ....
- shall recommend to the Senate on ...
- shall recommend to the Senate Council and Senate on ...

**Question:** Globally, how should we handle the format for all committees? There is an earlier global clause that states all committees report to the Senate Council. But by the time the reader gets to the subsection on the 20<sup>th</sup> listed committee, the opening clause is disconnected to the local subsection on the given committee. SREC has recommended that each of the subsections on each committee use the format:

“shall recommend (SR XXX) on ....”

where SR XXX refers back to the global clause that all Senate committees report to the Senate Council.

**Recommendation from SC office:** *apply following language to relevant passages: “shall recommend to the Senate Council and the Senate (SR XXX)”*

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### B. How Student Members are Placed on Committees

**Issue:** In various places throughout SR 1, differing terminology is used about how student members get onto the various committees. In some places it is by “nomination” from SGA, in other places it is by “recommendation” by SGA. The Senate intent is made unclear by use of the different words.

**Question:** What policy does the SC want on whether the SGA itself “determines” the student members or whether the SGA “nominates” the student members? An example of SGA “determines” is that the two student members of the SC (other than SGA President) are determined by the student senators, not by the SC.

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***Recommendation from SC office:*** *the student members of academic councils and committees are nominated by SGA (and ultimately appointed by the SC)*

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### **C. How Ex Officio Nonvoting Members are Included**

**Issue:** A decision needs to be made regarding how the administrative representatives (ex officios) are determined.

**Question:** Are they chosen by the respective administrative office? Are they nominated to the SC by the respective administrative office?

***Recommendation from SC office:*** *administrative ex officio members are nominated by the office they represent (and ultimately appointed by the SC)*

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### **D. Language Describing Vacancies**

**Issue:** Two passages involve vacancies (in academic councils and on committees) and the language is contradictory. The Senate cannot compel an individual to serve if they need to resign their seat, and it makes no sense for someone who is ineligible to have to continue to serve until a successor is identified. See italicized text below.

1.4.1.2 (“Types of Senate Committees,” “Vacancies”) [line 436]

*Current language: “Membership on Senate committees shall continue until terms expire or successors are appointed.”*

1.3.2.1.1.4 (“University Senate Academic Councils,” “Terms”) [line 482]

*Current language: “Members shall serve until the expiration of their terms, until they have become ineligible, or until their successors have been named. “*

***Recommendation from SC office:*** *replace both passages with the following text: “Members shall serve until the expiration of their terms or until their successors have been name, or until they have become ineligible.”*

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### **E. Final Decision-Making Authority for GC**

**Issue:** The GC does have limited final approval authority.

**Question:** The Graduate Council has some special roles not comparable to UC and HCCC, that are prescribed by SR, GR or AR, in relation to authority in specific student appeal cases, or exceptions to time limit to graduation for specific programs. Do we need to modify that language to accommodate situations where other GC does have final authority?

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**Recommendation from SC office:** *change the language to “The GC does not have any has final decision-making authority, except as related to individual student situations and as described in SR 3.1.1.3.1.1 and 3.1.3.2.1.”*

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### **F. Filling Academic Council Vacancies**

**Issue:** The current language gives oversight of one aspect of filling academic council vacancies to the academic council chair, after consultation with the Senate Council Chair. See italicized text below.

#### *1.3.2.1.1.6 Vacancies*

*The chair of the academic council shall fill the vacancy by the elected alternate or the eligible candidate who at the most recent election ranked the highest without being elected and who is eligible and willing to serve. The academic council chair shall inform the Senate Council office of the change in membership. If there is no such individual, the chair of the academic council shall, after consultation with the Senate Council Chair, appoint an eligible member who fulfills the requirements of the vacant seat.”*

**Question:** Does the SC want the academic council chair to be doing these actions, instead of the SC Office? Is there a mechanism that will be causing the academic council chairs to know who are the runners up in the most recent election? Should the academic council chair’s role be to identify the highest runner-up who is willing to serve, and then leave to SC Office to actually perform the replacement?

**Recommendation from SC office:** *change the language to “If there is no such individual, the chair of the academic council shall, after contacting the Senate Council Chair and consulting with the Senate Rules and Elections Committee (SREC), appoint an eligible member who fulfills the requirements of the vacant seat”*

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### **G. Non-Voting Status of Ex Officios**

**Issue:** If there is a global statement at the outset in SR 1 that ex officio is always nonvoting unless stated otherwise, is it too redundant to also state in the charge for each committee that, for that committee, the ex officio are non-voting

**Recommendation from SC office:** *as suggested by the SREC, it can attend to this aspect in an upcoming SREC meeting, towards incorporation into the next annual SR update*

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### **H. Comprised vs Composed**

**Issue:** Globally the SR 1 is not uniform on the style of whether a committee is “comprised of” vs. “composed of” the listed members.

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