

Senate Leadership Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations

Following its initial meeting on February 20, 2015, which was attended by Shawn Dry, Valerie Emanoil, Gerry Faye, Bill Isanhart, Vince Lamb, Gina Mandas, and Carlespie McKinney, the committee submits the following observations and recommendations to the Academic Senate concerning Senate Leadership.

I. Mentions in the Academic Senate Constitution

- 3.3 The College Council Officers, with the Campus Council Chairperson, will form the Executive Committee of the Senate.
- 5.4 The Executive Council will meet in preparation for the monthly College Council meetings.

The committee notes that the constitution both uses different names for the leadership group and leaves its duties vague and open-ended.

II. Current Membership of Senate Leadership

- College Officers: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary
- Campus Chairs
- Standing Committee Chairs
- Past College Chair

The committee affirms the value that each of these members has to the work of Senate Leadership, because each member serves the Senate in important ways and provides critical perspective to the conversations occurring in the Senate.

III. Non-Members Currently Invited to Attend Senate Leadership

- 2 representatives of Dean's Cabinet
- Vice Chancellor and Associate Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs
- Recording Secretary

The committee recommends continuing to invite these non-members to the Leadership meeting, both in order to affirm Senate's spirit of inclusiveness and to benefit from their perspectives and experience.

IV. Work Currently Being Done by Senate Leadership

- Sets agenda of college meeting: reviews motions and proposals from campuses and committees, keeps track of old motions and ongoing conversations, receives requests and invites individuals to make presentations
- Wordsmiths motions from campuses and committees: adjusts wording for clarity, combines similar motions from multiple sources
- Makes motions and proposals to bring before the Senate
- Holds a retreat in June to review past year and identify work items for coming year
- Drafts documents for consideration by the Senate: shared governance statement, Senate representatives to EMP implementation teams (May 2014), comments on the chancellor's definition of student success (April 2014), classroom teaching by administrators (February 2014), comments on CBT reports (October 2013), etc.
- Meets collectively and individually with members of the administration
 - the chair (as mandated in the chair's contract) and vice chair meet once a month with the vice chancellor and associate vice chancellor of academic affairs
 - members of leadership have met periodically with members of cabinet at their request over the course of the last two years to address shared governance issues

The committee affirms the necessity of these activities and recommends that Leadership continue to perform them.