

# New PPSC Language for Bylaws

## **CURRENT LANGUAGE**

**P. PRESIDENTIAL PERCEPTION SURVEY COMMITTEE.** The Presidential Perception Survey

Committee shall:

- a. Review the survey instrument and process of administration and recommend any changes to the Faculty Senate.
- b. Administer the distribution of the approved survey instrument to the Faculty.
- c. Compile the results of the survey.
- d. Report the survey's finding to the Faculty Senate.
- e. Provide the full report to the President of the University and to the Board of Governors.
- f. Provide the quantitative portion only to the Faculty.

The Presidential Perception Survey Committee shall consist of one member elected by each Academic Unit. Only tenured faculty shall serve on this committee.

## **PROPOSED LANGUAGE**

**P. PRESIDENTIAL PERCEPTION SURVEY COMMITTEE.** The Presidential Perception Survey Committee shall:

- a. Review the survey instrument and process of administration and recommend any changes to the Faculty Senate.
- b. Administer the distribution of the approved survey instrument to the Faculty either through direct action of the committee or through a third-party survey provider approved by the Faculty Senate.
- c. Compile the results of the survey or distribute the results of the survey as conducted by a third-party provider to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.
- d. Provide the quantitative portion only to the Faculty Senate.
- e. Provide the quantitative portion only to the Faculty.
- f. Provide the full report to the President of the University and to the Board of Governors.
- g. Conduct and administer any other surveys as directed by the Faculty Senate.

The Presidential Perception Survey Committee shall consist of one member elected by each Academic Unit. Only tenured faculty **or librarians with at least five years of experience at Fairmont State** shall be eligible to serve on this committee.

# Honorary Degrees

## **Criteria and Procedures for Honorary Degrees and Awards**

While there is no expectation that an honorary degree will be awarded at every commencement, the following are general criteria for use as guidelines for making nominations for recipients of honorary degrees and awards. The nominee must fulfill one of these criteria:

- 1) The nominee must have made a significant contribution to or performed distinguished services for one of the following: Fairmont State University, the region, the state, the nation, or the global community.
- 2) The nominee must have attained eminence in a field significant to Fairmont State University or the State of West Virginia

## **Membership of Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee**

The Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee shall include a student named by the Student Government, two faculty named by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate, and two at-large members named by the President of the University. The President shall designate one of the committee members as a chairperson. The committee shall be appointed annually during the first month of the academic year.

## **Procedure for the Nomination of Honorary Degrees and Award Recipients**

- 1) The Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee shall solicit and review letters of nomination for honorary degrees and awards from members and friends of Fairmont State University. The nomination letters should include the nominee's qualifications and a rationale for the degree or award.

- 2) The Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee shall submit its recommendations for honorary degrees and award recipients to the President of the University no later than the 90 days before the month in which the degree is proposed to be awarded.
- 3) The President of the University shall forward with supporting documentation of the names of those nominees whom he or she approves to the Board of Governors.
- 4) After discussion with the President, the Institutional Board of Governors shall approve or reject the nominees submitted by the President of the University.

### **Amendments**

Amendments to these criteria and procedures may be recommended by the Honorary Degrees and Awards Committee but shall be approved by the Faculty Senate and the President.

Personnel Committee  
Bylaws Revision (first  
reading)

## **Proposed Revision of By-laws**

### **Faculty Personnel Committee**

#### **Rationale for Changes:**

The FPC is an important committee, endowed with decision-making power that directly affects the lives and livelihoods of younger faculty. Under the current scheme, FPC members are not beholden to anyone save the Committee on Committees, who are appointed by the FS President. It seems wise to make FPC members accountable to their faculty. Since there are five colleges in the university, it makes sense to have each college elect one member.

#### **Proposed Language:**

The Faculty Personnel Committee shall make recommendations through the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs to the University President on professional personnel concerning tenure, promotion in rank, and sabbaticals; and the committee shall handle the business directed to it by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

The Faculty Personnel Committee shall consist of five faculty members elected by each College of the University. Only tenured faculty holding at least the rank of Professor shall be eligible to serve on the Faculty Personnel Committee, and all such eligible faculty members shall have the right to run for the position. All committee members so elected shall serve for three years. If a vacancy on the committee occurs, a special election of the college shall be held to fill the remaining term. There shall be no term limits for members. However, faculty electorates should seek to balance the needs of preserving the academic culture of the university, harnessing new perspectives, and cultivating new leadership within their college.

The method of voting shall be determined by the faculty of the academic units within the college. If, after two weeks shall have passed since college faculty were notified by their dean of the need for an election, the faculty of a college fail to nominate anyone for election, then the dean of the college may appoint an eligible faculty member. The term of faculty so appointed shall end on the first day of Fall Semester in the following year, at which point the dean must call for an election to fill the position.

If a college does not have any qualified faculty members, the President of the Senate shall hold a special election in the Faculty Senate to fill the position. Any qualified faculty member not already on the committee from any college shall have the right to run for this position. Members so elected shall serve for the full term or remainder of any term for the college.

College-wide elections shall be held every three years in the Spring Semester, based on the following:

2023, 2026, 2029, 2032, etc.: College of Science and Technology, College of Liberal Arts

2024, 2027, 2030, 2033, etc.: College of Nursing, College of Education

2025, 2028, 2031, 2034, etc.: College of Business and Aviation

Members' terms begin and end on the first day of Fall Semester. Any member's term always ends on the first day of Fall Semester in the years indicated above regardless of the number of years served.

# Proposed Academic Calendars for Next Two Years



## Summary of Proposed Academic Calendar AY 2023-24

### Fall 2023 (15 instructional weeks, 14 classes + 1 Finals)

- Aug 14 Professional Development
- Aug 21 First Day of Classes
- Oct 13 Midterm
- Nov 20-22 Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 8 Last Day of Classes
- Dec 11-15 Finals Week
- Dec 16 Commencement
- Dec 18-20 Assurance of Learning Days

### Spring 2024 (15 instructional weeks, 14 classes + 1 Finals)

- Jan 16-19 Professional Development
- Jan 22 First Day of Classes
- Mar 8 Midterm
- Mar 11-15 Spring Break
- May 3 Last Day of Classes
- May 6-10 Finals Week
- May 11 Commencement
- May 13-15 Assurance of Learning Days

### Summer 2024 (10 instructional weeks, two 5-week terms)

- May 28 First Day of Summer Classes
- June 28 Last Day of Summer I Classes
- July 1 Summer Break
- July 8 First Day of Summer II Classes
- Aug 2 Last Day of Summer Classes

### Fall 2024 (15 instructional weeks, 14 classes + 1 Finals)

- Aug 12 Professional Development
- Aug 19 First Day of Classes