

Constitution & Bylaws Proposed Language for Question of Representation

- The question at hand is how to accommodate very small academic units so that the few faculty members in small units are not over-burdened by representation on Senate and elected Senate committees.
- **The language regarding representation in the NOT YET ACCEPTED REVISION of the Constitution and Bylaws reads as follows:**

ARTICLE II. Membership

Section 1. Unless otherwise specified the term “election” shall denote election conducted by electronic secret ballot distributed through Fairmont State University’s official email system. Any academic unit may choose to elect unit representatives by other means.

Section 2. Each Academic Unit of the University shall elect one senator for each ten full-time faculty members or fractions thereof; however, the number of senators from any College shall not exceed one senator per ten faculty members or fractions thereof in the College as a whole. The distribution of representation within the College shall be an internal matter to be determined at the discretion of the College. For the purposes of this Constitution, the definition of academic unit shall be the same as set forth in the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate and such definition is incorporated herein by reference. The term for senators so elected shall be two years. The Library is designated as an academic support unit and is permitted to elect one senator.

- a) These elections shall be conducted by the Academic Unit’s meeting of the academic year that falls prior to the penultimate Senate meeting of the academic year.
- b) Deans and Chairs shall neither be eligible to vote, except in case of a tie, nor be elected at such elections. Deans, Chairs, and faculty with 50 percent or more administrative duties are not eligible to serve as Senators.
- c) To be eligible for election to the Senate, a candidate shall have been a Faculty member at Fairmont State University for at least two complete academic years by the September following their election. However, this requirement may be waived if no qualified person is available.
- d) If a vacancy in an unexpired term of an elected Senator occurs, it shall be filled by a special election in the appropriate Academic Unit.

- **Based on discussion in Senate, the following language is proposed:**

Section 2. Each Academic Unit of the University shall elect one senator for each ten full-time faculty members or fractions thereof. Academic Units with five or fewer full-time faculty members (as defined in this Constitution) may choose to cede representation on one or more elected committees and/or on Senate to faculty from the College in which the Unit resides. The Academic Unit faculty must agree by a majority to cede representation; the College faculty as a whole must agree to provide representation; the Unit must inform the President of the Senate in writing of the decision. The period of ceding representation is two years. For the purposes of this Constitution, the definition of academic unit shall be the same as set forth in the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate and such definition is incorporated herein by reference. The term for senators so elected shall be two years. The Library is designated as an academic support unit and is permitted to elect one senator.

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General Studies Committee

| | Course Removal Request College/Department/Course | GS Meeting Date | Effective Date |
|----------|---|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | COLA/English/Remove ENGL 2230 & 2231 and Replace with ENGL 2240 | 10/21/21 | Immediately |
| 2 | COLA/Music/Remove MUSI 1111, 1118 & 1119 not currently being offered | 10/21/21 | Immediately |
| 3 | EHHP/Health & Human Performance/Remove HLTA 2203 | 10/21/21 | Fall 2022 |
| 4 | SCITECH/Mathematics/Remove MATH 1585 Applied Calculus I not being offered | 11/18/21 | Immediately |
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**Report to the Faculty Senate
2021-2022 Year-End Report**

Committee Name: General Studies Committee

Chair or Co-Chairs: Jan Kiger and Molly Barra

Meeting Schedule:

- August 19, 2021
- September 16, 2021
- October 21, 2021
- November 18, 2021
- December 16th, 2021
- January 20, 2021
- February 17, 2021
- March 17, 2021

Membership and Attendance (year-to date attendance record)

| Name | Department or Administrative unit affiliation | Term End (if applicable) | Meetings Attended | Meetings Absent |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| Molly Barra, Co-Chair | Library | 2023 | | |
| Jan Kiger, Co-Chair | HHP | 2022 | | |
| Dennine LaRue, Secretary | Math | 2022 | | |
| Kylie Ford | Arch., Art & Design | 2022 | | |
| Tad Kato | Behavioral Sciences | 2022 | | |
| M.E. Gamble | Business & Aviation | 2023 | | |
| Barbara Wierzbicki | Education | 2022 | | |
| Justin Hastings | Humanities | 2023 | | |
| Galen Hansen | Natural Sciences | 2023 | | |
| Frances Young | Nursing | 2023 | | |
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| James Matthews | General Education Director | N/A | | |
| Susan Ross | Provost Office Administrator | N/A | | |
| ? | Registrar Office Administrator (?) | | | |

Accomplishments (Items reviewed and submitted for approval to the Faculty Senate)

Ongoing and Future Projects:

Committee on Committees

Proposed Membership Spring 2022

Tom Cuchta-ex officio (chair last year)

Bob Niichel—chair

Bill Harrison

Donna Long

Denise Kirchoff