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### **Faculty Senate**

The Faculty Senate Constitution and By-Laws for Southeastern Louisiana University were approved by the faculty and the President in September, 1978. The Senate's purposes, as outlined in its constitution, include the following:

1. To serve as a representative voice of the faculty. The President of the Faculty Senate serves as a voting member of the Academic Affairs Council and of the University Planning Council.
2. To provide a means of communication between faculty and the Chief Administrative Officer of the University.
  - a. To provide a means whereby the administration through the Chief Administrative Officer of the University, may refer matters of common faculty interest to a body representing the faculty.
  - b. To provide a means whereby the faculty can offer suggestions or recommendations to the Chief Administrative Officer of the University pertaining to matters of common faculty interest.
3. To accept and share responsibility with administration and students in all efforts to improve the stature and the usefulness of the University.

Members of the Senate are elected by secret ballot from the general faculty, i.e., full-time faculty who teach at least six hours (except department heads) and who are subject to the University of Louisiana System's tenure policy. Each senator is elected for a term of two academic years. Departments with ten or fewer general faculty members are represented by one senator; those with eleven to twenty, by two senators; those with twenty-one to thirty, by three senators; and so on.

Meetings are typically held once a month from August through May. Officers of the Senate are elected for the ensuing year by Senate members during the next to the last meeting (in April) of

the current year. The officers and two members-at-large compose the Executive Council of the Senate.

The standing committees of the Senate study requests of the Chief Administrative Officer and faculty and formulate recommendations to be considered by the Senate. Specific duties of officers and committees as well as procedures of the Senate may be found in the constitution of the Senate.

The University of Louisiana System has allowed for faculty participation in the governance of the System by creating the Faculty Advisory Council:

The Faculty Advisory Council shall consist of one faculty representative and an alternate representative from each System institution. The institution from which the Faculty Advisory Council elects a Chairperson will provide sufficient funds to defray travel expenses of that Chairperson who will represent the faculties at System meetings. Each institution shall pay expenses of its faculty representative (or alternate) to such meetings as the Faculty Advisory Council may call. (*Rules of the University of Louisiana System, Part One - Bylaws, Section VII Councils, located at <http://www.ulsystem.net/assets/docs/searchable/boards/Bylaws%20Section%20VII%20Councils.pdf>*)