

Constitution

I. Name

The name of this body shall be the Faculty Senate of Old Dominion University.

II. Purpose

The faculty of the university by virtue of their particular competence, are essential participants in the development and implementation of academic policy. The Faculty Senate is a representative body of the faculty, deriving its authority from the faculty of

Associate, Assistant, and Vice Deans (whether full or part-time) are also excluded.

- b. All department Chairs or equivalent are eligible for membership and, thus, will be included in the Faculty Senate census.
2. The Faculty Senate shall consist of one senator from each Faculty Senate district. The Faculty Senate districts and the academic units within which they reside and represent are defined in the Faculty Senate By-laws.
 - a. At its discretion, the Faculty Senate may invite other members of the university community to participate in its meetings as nonvoting members.
 - a. The term of office of faculty senators shall be two years beginning the first day following commencement.
 - b. Elections shall be held each spring by March 31. Senators from odd-numbered Districts shall be elected in odd-numbered years. Senators from even-numbered Districts shall be elected in even-numbered years.
 - c. Vacancies shall be filled promptly through election by the original constituency.

IV. Officers and Executive Committee

- A. The officers of the Faculty Senate shall be the chair, the vice chair, the secretary, and such other officers as the Faculty Senate deems necessary to be elected every two years by the Faculty Senate at its organizational meeting. Officers of the Faculty Senate comprise the core members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee. Terms for officers will be two calendar years beginning the first day after commencement.
- B. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee provides leadership for the Faculty Senate by serving as an agenda committee for the Faculty Senate, helping the Senate conduct its business consistent with the Constitution and By-laws, and representing the faculty and the Faculty Senate to University leadership and the University community. Executive Committee members will be elected every two years by the Faculty Senate at its organizational meeting. Terms for Executive Committee members will be two calendar years beginning the first day after commencement. The functions and composition of the Executive Committee are defined in the By-laws.
- C. The chair of the Faculty Senate shall preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee, the Faculty Senate, and the Faculty Forum.
- D. The vice chair of the Faculty Senate shall perform the duties of the chair.

business conducted in each meeting of the Senate as soon as possible following such meeting.

V. Meetings

- A. Faculty Senate meetings shall be scheduled at least twice each term and at the call of the Executive Committee.
- B. A meeting of the Faculty Senate shall be called by the Executive Committee upon
- C. The meetings of the Faculty Senate shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order

IX. Representation of Faculty in Other Bodies

The formal representation of the faculty, or a part of it, can be legitimately accomplished only through consultation with the faculty group being represented or their elected representatives.

X. Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a majority of ballots cast in a referendum of the entire membership of the Faculty Forum, providing the proposed amendment and nature of the referendum are provided the members of the Faculty Forum at least two weeks prior to the referendum. Amendments must be proposed by two-thirds vote of the Faculty Senate or by petition of 10 percent of the forum membership to become the subject of a referendum conducted by the Faculty Senate.