

Recommendations from the Executive Committee
April 19, 2007

4a. Recommendation on assembling the full-faculty

New language:

The full faculty will assemble once per semester. The fall meeting shall be conducted in/by the end of September; the spring meeting shall be conducted in/by the end of February. A second date each semester, *i.e.*, “Reading Day,” should be reserved for additional assemblies of the full faculty.

This would mean revisions to 2.2.1:

2.2.1. Faculty Meetings (current language)

The faculty conducts its business through periodic meetings of the entire body, through the Faculty Senate (representative members of the voting faculty who act for the full faculty either temporarily between faculty meetings or permanently as may be appropriate in each case) and through standing committees and *ad hoc* committees which consider and debate issues and report recommendations to the Faculty Senate. The faculty is represented on certain committees of the Board of Trustees and of the University system. The faculty meets regularly during the academic year and may meet at other times on call by the Chancellor, by the Faculty Senate through the secretary of the faculty or by petition of fifteen (15) members of the faculty through the secretary of the faculty. The following dates are recommended for regular faculty meetings:

First Meeting:

Second Tuesday of classes after Labor Day in fall semester, 3:15 p.m.

Second Meeting:

Second Wednesday in November, 3:15 p.m.

Third Meeting:

Fourth Thursday in January, 3:15 p.m.

Fourth Meeting:

First reading day of the spring semester, 10:15 a.m. or, if there is no reading day, at a time designated by the Chancellor in consultation with the Faculty Senate President.

4b. Recommendation on voting on major issues

The Handbook will be adjusted to eliminate references to voting on major issues twice. Exact wording to be determined if enacted.

This would mean revisions to 2.2.5:

2.2.5. Faculty Meetings (current language)

Faculty meetings are conducted according to *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* (latest edition) with two exceptions approved by the faculty on September 6, 1976. 1. Amendment to the article concerning a motion to lay on the table:

It is undebatable and cannot have any subsidiary motion applied to it, except that the person proposing the original motion, or someone designated by this person, may have the privilege of speaking for up to two minutes to the motion to table.

2. Amendment to the article concerning voting:

A secret ballot will be used whenever requested by more than one person.

Second readings and votes are required for affirmative action on major issues, e.g., organization of the faculty, general education requirements and special academic programs.

4c. Chair of the Part-Time Faculty Committee

Part-Time Faculty Committee

Purpose. The part-time faculty committee addresses the needs of part-time faculty and brings their concerns to the attention of Faculty Senate. Provides a communication channel between the community of part-time faculty and the University. **Membership.** Three (3) full-time faculty from three different schools or colleges. Three (3) part-time faculty, *including the representative to Faculty Senate, who will serve as Chair.* Part-time faculty members will be appointed no later than the second Faculty Senate meeting of the Fall semester.