

Overview of the COE Faculty Senate 2007 / 2008

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Meetings: Senate meetings for Fall will be at 10:30 – 12:00 on the first Wednesday of each month (Sept 5, Oct 3, Nov 7, and Dec 5). Rooms to be announced.

Bylaws: The Senate will operate according to the Bylaws posted on the COE Faculty Website, www.coe.uga.edu/facsenate. Senators should familiarize themselves with those Bylaws.

Article II, Section 1. Mission

The mission of the College of Education Faculty Senate shall be to improve the quality of life in the College community while promoting excellence in educational scholarship, research, teaching, service, and practice. In order to create an open and democratic culture, the Faculty Senate is committed to faculty governance by serving as the voice of the Faculty as a whole and to creating an open and informed decision-making process on policies and procedures by providing a community forum and fostering an involved citizenry wherein Faculty exercise both rights and responsibilities.

Organizational Structure: [light yellow] The Faculty Senate is responsible for facilitating faculty governance within the College, facilitating communication between the faculty and the administrative cabinet, and representing faculty on issues that affect academic issues and quality of life. Much of the work for faculty governance is done through committees, and most of the College committees are overseen by the Faculty Senate.

Senate members are elected within their own Department with representation of two senators per department. The Senate President is not a departmental representative for the duration of the presidency and serves as an additional member of the senate.

Senate Committees [dark yellow] are comprised of senators who have been elected by a vote within the Senate rather than from the faculty as a whole. Senate committees include:

- Steering Committee
- Administrator Evaluation Committee

Standing Committees [green] are permanent committees that aid the Senate in accomplishing its duties. Members include College faculty as well as senators and are elected by a vote from the Senate or by the full college faculty. Standing committees include:

- Academic Appeals Committee
- College Curriculum Committee
- Nominating Committee
- Scholarship Committee

Special Committees [blue] perform functions that are beyond the authority of a standing committee such as tasks that require access to personnel files. Members are selected by the Dean in consultation with the Senate President from among a slate of candidates presented by the Senate, and are drawn from among the entire College faculty. Special committees include:

- Awards Committee
- Dispute Resolution Committee
- Graduate Faculty Appointment and Reappointment Committee
- Promotion and Tenure Committee

Senate *ad hoc* Committees and Special Committees may be formed when the Senate wishes to examine a specific topic or concern that is not of a recurring nature.

University Committees [pink] offer opportunity for College faculty to participate in faculty governance within the larger UGA campus. Members of these governing bodies are elected by vote from among all College faculty. University organizational bodies that include elected COE faculty include:

- University Council
- University Council Standing Committees
- Graduate Council
- Faculty Advisory Committee to the President

Note: The College Faculty Senate Nominating Committee is responsible for recruiting nominees for the ballot when elections open up for any of these College or university-wide elections.