Revamping the Faculty Governance Documents

Faculty Senate Governance Committee
Controlling Documents

What is in each of these documents supersedes everything below it:

- Law
- UNC Code
- Charter of the Faculty Senate (or Faculty Governance Document or Constitution)
- Faculty Senate Bylaws
- Standing rules
- Robert’s Rules
State Law: Open Meetings

- Applies to Faculty Senate and all its committees
- Open to the public (and media)
- Meetings must be announced
- Voting: voice, division, or roll-call only (ballots must be signed and become public record)
502 D: Relation of the Chancellor to the Constituent Institution. Section 2:

The chancellor shall be a member of all faculties and other academic bodies of the institution and shall have the right to preside over the deliberations of any legislative bodies of the faculties of the institution.

The chancellor shall be responsible for ensuring that there exists in the institution a faculty council or senate, a majority of whose members are elected by and from the members of the faculty. The general faculty, however, which shall include at least all full-time faculty and appropriate administrators, may function as the council or senate. The faculty shall be served by a chair elected either by the general faculty or by the council or senate. However, the chancellor may attend and preside over all meetings of the council or senate. The council or senate may advise the chancellor on any matters pertaining to the institution that are of interest and concern to the faculty.
502 D: Relation of the Chancellor to the Constituent Institution. Section 2:

In addition to ensuring the establishment of a council or senate, the chancellor shall ensure the establishment of appropriate procedures within the institution to provide members of the faculty the means to give advice with respect to questions of academic policy and institutional governance, with particular emphasis upon matters of curriculum, degree requirements, instructional standards, and grading criteria. The procedures for giving advice may be through the council or senate, standing or special committees or other consultative means.
Faculty Governance Document (1990)

- Amendments require 2/3 of total faculty
  - Article I: Name and Purposes
  - Article II: Definitions (of faculty member, senator, and department)
  - Article III: Members
  - Article IV: Officers and Duties
  - Article V: Meetings
  - Article VI: Committees

- Article VII: Senate Resources
- Article VIII: Review of Senate Action
- Article IX: Amendment Procedure
- Article X: Ratification and Implementation
Article III: Members

- Senatorial Representation (1 in 6)
- University Administrative Officers (ex officio)
- Elections and Terms of Office (detailed)
- Size of Senate (procedure for changing)
- Voting
Article IV: Officers and Duties

- Officers (and detailed roles of each)
  - Chair
  - Vice chair
  - Secretary
  - Parliamentarian

- Election of officers (staggered years)
  - Chair and Parliamentarian
  - Vice-chair and Secretary
Article V: Meetings

- Regular Meetings (Sep.–Apr.)
- Special Meetings (how to call for them)
- Quorum
- Notice and Agenda (how the Executive Committee prepares agenda)
- Minutes and Codification
Article VI: Committees

- Executive Committee (details)
- Committee on Committees (details)
- Other Standing and Ad Hoc Committees (details)
- Faculty Tenure and Promotions Committee (nothing underneath)
- Autonomous and University-Wide Faculty Committees (how elected)
Changes to Charter

- Strike the following:
  - Article III: how Senators are elected and details of representation
  - Most of Article IV: Officers and Duties
  - All of Articles V and VI

- Move all the above to the Bylaws

- Article I: add filling Autonomous Committees to the purposes
Issues to Discuss

- Are department chairs entitled to representation? What about administrators who hold a faculty appointment? Assistant deans?
- Chancellor and Provost to become nonvoting members?
Possible Changes in Bylaws (1986)

- Three-year term for Senators and Officers
- Elections for Senators presided over by Senator from outside department
- Chair and vice-chair tenured at Associate or Full, elected at large by Faculty during mid-year conference
- Eliminate Committee on Committees and establish a Nominating Committee