

**CHARTER OF THE FACULTY SENATE  
OF  
FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY**

The faculty of Fayetteville State University, in concert with the Chancellor, upon the adoption and implementation of this Charter of the Faculty Senate, as hereinafter provided, establishes a Faculty Senate at Fayetteville State University organized as the highest representative body of the faculty and possessing those rights and duties as set out in this document and the Faculty Senate Bylaws.

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME AND PURPOSES**

Section 1 - Name

The name of the Faculty Governance organization at Fayetteville State University shall be the Faculty Senate of Fayetteville State University, hereinafter called the Faculty Senate.

Section 2 - Purposes

The general purposes of the Faculty Senate are as follows:

- (1) To fulfill the requirements set out in Section 502 D(2) of "The Code of the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina" (The Code) to the full extent that the faculty shall actively participate in the formulation of academic and governance policies and procedures, with particular emphasis upon matters of curriculum, degree requirements, subject matter and methods and standards of instruction, grading criteria, research, faculty affairs, academic budget and those aspects of student life which relate to the educational process;
- (2) to provide members of the faculty with a mechanism by which to advise and make recommendations to the Chancellor on any matters pertaining to the institution that are of interest and concern to the faculty; and

- (3) to act as a deliberative body for the faculty in the formation and enactment of rules, policies, regulations and procedures that are of interest and concern to the faculty.
- (4) to provide for the election and filling vacancies of the Autonomous Committees of the faculty: These committees are 1) Faculty Grievance Committee, 2) Hearing and Reconsideration Committee; and 3) Tenure, Promotion and Reappointment Committee.
  - (1) The mandates for these committees supersede the provisions of Article I, Section 2 of the Charter of the Faculty Senate in that these committees report to, and make recommendations directly to, the Chancellor.
  - (2) These committees may provide summary reports to and make recommendations to the Faculty Senate.
  - (3) The Faculty Senate shall be responsible for the conduct of elections for Autonomous Committees. Procedures for elections shall be provided in the Faculty Senate Bylaws.
  - (4) All terms of office shall commence at the beginning of the fall semester and shall be completed the day before the beginning of the next fall semester. All persons shall be elected by a simple majority of the votes cast.

## ARTICLE II

### DEFINITIONS

#### Section 1 - General Faculty Member

A faculty member is defined as any person employed by Fayetteville State University on a full-time basis and holds an academic rank; i.e., Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, (including Department Chairs, Deans, the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Chancellor, and their assistants and associates).

Section 2 - Voting Faculty Member

Any faculty member as defined in Section 1, and are tenured or tenure track excluding Department Chairs, Deans, the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Chancellor, and their assistants and associates.

Section 3 - Senator

Any voting faculty member may be elected as a Senator by the voting faculty members voting in an election held by his/her department for this purpose, pursuant to Article III, Section 1.

Section 4 - Department

“Department”, as used in this document, refers to the largest academic unit in current use at Fayetteville State University whose head reports directly to an academic Dean.

ARTICLE III

FACULTY SENATE MEMBERS

Section 1 -Departmental Representation

Each Department as specified in Article II, Section 4, shall be represented in the Faculty Senate on a proportional basis as specified in the Faculty Senate Bylaws.

Section 2 - University Administration Officers

The Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs shall be nonvoting members of the Faculty Senate by virtue of their offices.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1 - Officers

The Officers of the Faculty Senate shall consist of a Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Parliamentarian.

Section 2 - Elections and Duties

The Faculty Senate Bylaws shall specify the election process and duties of the Officers.

ARTICLE V

SENATE RESOURCES

Resources necessary for the conduct of the affairs of the Faculty Senate shall be made available through the office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The Senate shall annually prepare and submit its operating budget to the Chancellor through the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENT PROCEDURE

The Charter of the Faculty Senate may be amended as follows:

- (1) After formulation, an Amendment proposal, approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the entire membership of the Senate, may be presented by the Chair of the Senate for consideration by the Voting Faculty.
- (2) To become effective, the Amendment, must be passed by a two-third (2/3) of the votes cast by the voting faculty as defined in Article II, Section 2, voting in either a General Faculty Meeting or in meetings of their respective Schools or Colleges.

- (3) Upon ratification, the amendment shall be published and distributed to the faculty and shall become effective at the beginning of the next academic year.

## ARTICLE VII

### FACULTY SENATE BYLAWS

The Faculty Senate shall have and maintain Bylaws necessary for its operations in carrying out the purposes of the Senate as specified in Article I, Section 2 of this Charter. Any proposed amendment of these Bylaws shall be published and distributed to Senators at least one week prior to the vote. Amendments to these Bylaws shall require two-third (2/3) affirmative vote of Senators present and voting. The Bylaws and any subsequent amendment shall be published and distributed to the faculty.

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