

FEC Proposals for Faculty Handbook Changes

1. **Where:** Section 1.III (pp. 13-37) throughout as needed:
What: Honors Committee: Change "Honors Committee" to "Honorary Degree Committee"

Rationale: To avoid confusion with the new EPPC subcommittee called the Honors Committee.

2. **Where:** Section I.II.E. (p. 7)
What: Voting: After "Regular faculty business meetings will be held at regularly scheduled times, normally once each month during the academic year." add "A simple majority of the voting faculty membership (excluding faculty who are on leave) will constitute a quorum."

Rationale: The Faculty Handbook does not currently define a quorum for regular faculty meetings.

3. **Where:** Section 1.III.A.2.c (p. 16)
What: ART: After "The committee consists of six members elected from the tenured faculty for a three-year term, four of whom must hold the rank of full professor." add "Members of ART shall not be considered for promotion while they serve on the committee, and must resign from the committee when their promotion comes up for consideration."

Rationale: This eliminates potential conflicts of interest.

Note: phrasing is a revision from original, which stated: ART: After "The committee consists of six members elected from the tenured faculty for a three-year term, four of whom must hold the rank of full professor." add "Members of ART will not be considered for promotion while they serve on the committee. Members of ART may choose to resign from the committee when their promotion comes up for consideration."

4. **Where:** Section 2.V.D.2.c (page 30 [Section 2])
What: Sabbaticals: After "In advance of leaves, the department chair shall discuss schedules with the appropriate dean to assure coverage of essential courses." add "While on sabbatical, no faculty member will have committee responsibilities. The FEC will appoint replacements."

Rationale: Faculty on retreat should not have lingering committee demands on their time.

5. **Where:** Section 1.III.A.9.c.(2) (p. 24)

What: Athletic Policies Committee: In "Three faculty members (not from Kinesiology) nominated by the FEC and approved by the faculty to staggered three-year terms;" remove "(not from Kinesiology)".

Rationale: FEC sees no reason to exclude faculty from ESSM (formerly Kinesiology) from this committee.

6. **Where:** Section 1.III.B.9.c.(1) (p. 32)

What: Internet Committee: Replace " Four faculty members nominated by the FEC and approved by the faculty, two from the College of Arts and Sciences and one each from the Schools of Business and Education;" with "Two faculty members nominated by FEC and approved by the faculty."

Rationale: The current staffing of the Internet Committee, which has a total of 14 members, is unduly onerous.

7. **Where:** Section 1.III.B.2.c.(2) (p. 26)

What: Student Life Committee: Change "Five student members, including the Vice President for the Programs Board from the ASCLU and four other students elected or appointed by ASCLU" to "Two student members, including the Vice President for the Programs Board from the ASCLU, and one other student elected or appointed by ASCLU."

Rationale: The Student Life Committee is a faculty committee; thus, less student representation is necessary.