

NDSU Faculty Senate Constitution

Article I: Preamble

Section 1.

The administration and faculty of North Dakota State University share responsibility for governance and effective management of the academic affairs of the University. In addition, shared governance mandates involving stakeholders in all aspects of the University mission. As such, faculty, staff, and students exercise this responsibility in their respective domains. To this end, the faculty accepts the responsibility of crafting, reviewing, and approving policies concerning the Academic and Extension missions of NDSU.

Article II: Responsibilities

Section 1.

The Faculty Senate is the University's legislative body responsible for the review and approval of policy with respect to the following matters:

- a. Academic freedom, including rights and responsibilities
- b. All curricular matters, including establishment, dissolution, and substantial changes to degree programs
- c. Research and scholarship
- d. Admissions standards and prerequisites
- e. Requirements for regular certificates and degrees
- f. Regulations regarding attendance, examinations, grading, scholastic standing, and honors
- g. Teaching quality
- h. Professional standards and criteria for positions accorded academic rank
- i. Policies and procedures for promotion, tenure, and evaluation
- j. And other academic matters

Section 2.

The Faculty Senate will also review, recommend, and participate in the formulation and exercise of policy with regard to:

- a. Institutional priorities
- b. The allocation of institutional resources
- c. Academic organization
- d. Administrative procedures and organizational structure
- e. Appointment and promotion of administrators
- f. Issues related to intellectual property
- g. Honorary degrees
- h. Other matters of interest to the faculty

Article III: Membership

Section 1.

Membership in the Faculty Senate consists of elected representatives from non-administrative, half-time or greater appointments from the following groups: faculty who hold the academic rank of professor, associate professor, assistant professor, professor of practice, associate professor of practice, assistant professor of practice, senior lecturer, instructor, or research faculty.

Section 2.

The following, whether full or part time or interim, are considered administrative positions: Chair/Head/or equivalent, Assistant/Associate Dean, Dean, Vice President, Assistant/Associate Vice President, Provost, and President.

Article IV: Amendments

Section 1.

Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed by the Senate or by a petition signed by twenty-five percent of the faculty. The Secretary of the Senate will distribute the proposed amendment to all faculty no later than nine days after the amendment is submitted for approval.

Section 2.

No later than thirty days nor earlier than seven days after the amendment is distributed, the faculty shall vote by secure electronic ballot on the proposed changes. If approved by two-thirds of the ballots cast, the change will be submitted to the University President for concurrence and then forwarded to the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education for consideration.

Section 3.

When approved by the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education, the changes shall become effective immediately.