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Whereas the stated core of Armstrong's mission is teaching and;

Whereas that action occurs between students and faculty and;

Whereas the faculty are the long-term citizens of the university community and are responsible for directing the teaching and research activities that draw the students to Armstrong and;

Whereas all other positions on campus, essential as they may be to the effective functioning of the university, are in support of teaching and research and;

Whereas there have been a number of administratively driven substantial changes made in the recent past that would have been received and quite possibly developed better had there been faculty input, the Faculty Senate requests that, for all current or future councils, task forces, search committees or other committees created by the President or any Vice President, the creator of such a body will allow the President of the Senate to appoint (or decline to appoint) a faculty representative to that body. This representative will report back to the Faculty Senate via the Faculty Senate Secretary where possible.
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It is agreed that faculty participation is often appropriate and necessary in the formation of
councils, task forces, search committees and other committees. However, department heads and
deans are often the most knowledgeable of the workload issues involved in the appointment of
individual faculty members to service on committees and task forces.

Knowledge of such workload issues is not likely to reside with the Faculty Senate president.
Therefore, while the Faculty Senate president may be consulted regarding faculty membership on
councils, task forces, search committees, and other committees, it is not agreed that the Faculty
Senate president will be the sole decision maker in such appointments.