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Creation of Senate Governance Committee

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To help simplify senate committee structure and ease demand on the elections committee to continually find volunteer candidates, the Elections Committee proposes the creation of the SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE (and the simultaneous dissolution of Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Committee on Committees, and the Elections Committee). Moreover, all three of the existing committees are RELATED and responsible for reviewing and enforcing the GOVERNANCE of the senate itself, so it makes sense that the functions of these three committees occur in a coordinated and unified way which would occur more easily if all of these duties were performed by ONE single committee instead of three separate committees. The proposed SENATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE will take on the functions of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, the Committee on Committees, and the Elections Committee.

Sections B, C, and D of Article IX of the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate of the Armstrong Atlantic State, which refer to the charges, duties, and membership of the following committees: Elections, Committee on Committee, and Constitution and Bylaws, are hereby modified as follows:

SECTION B. Elections Committee Senate Governance Committee
Charge: The committee will regularly review the Constitution and Bylaws and the charges of each committee of the Senate to keep them up-to-date and effective as well as developing and maintaining the nominations and election processes.
This committee shall develop the nominations and election processes:

Duties: The Committee assures that the membership and work of each committee is consistent with the bylaws. The Committee can propose changes to committee and senate bylaws and inform the Senate of any change(s) in committee structure. This committee has the responsibility to propose revise, or eliminate Senate committees and standing committees of the Senate. The Senate must approve any changes in committees' bylaws.
This committee is responsible for maintaining the membership of each committee and the Senate via the election processes. These election duties include:
This committee shall

1. solicit nominations and accept nominations
2. determine willingness to serve
3. prepare slates of nominees
4. conduct university wide elections for the Standing Committees of the Senate
5. conduct elections for the Senate Committees
6. manage the election process
7. announce the results of elections
8. have the authority to call special elections.

Membership: The Senate Governance Elections Committee shall consist of six five Senators elected by the Senate. The Parliamentarian will serve as an ex officio, non-
voting member of the committee. No member of the Senate Governance\Elections Committee can be nominated for Senate office.

SECTION C. Committee on Committees
Charge: The committee will regularly review the charge of each committee of the Senate to keep it up-to-date and effective.

Duties: The Committee assures that the work of each committee is consistent with its bylaws. The Committee can propose changes to committee bylaws and inform the Senate of any change(s) in committee structure. This committee has the responsibility to propose revise, or eliminate Senate committees and standing committees of the Senate. The Senate must approve any changes in committees’ bylaws.

Membership: The Committee on Committees shall consist of four Senators elected by the Senate.

SECTION D. Constitution and Bylaws Committee
Charge: The Committee shall annually review the Constitution and Bylaws of the Senate and make recommendations for changes to the Senate.

Duties: This committee will review and make recommendations on the bylaws of each Senate committee and each Standing Committee of the Senate. Proposals for changes to the Constitution of the Senate and/or the Senate’s bylaws must be reviewed by this committee.

Membership: The Committee on the Constitution and Bylaws shall consist of three Senators elected by the Senate.

Section G of Article X of the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate of the Armstrong Atlantic State is hereby modified as follows:

SECTION G. The Senate Governance\\Elections Committee will solicit nominations of Senators and conduct elections of Senators who will serve on standing committees. One Senator shall serve on each standing committee. The Senator will be a voting member of the committee but will not serve as the chair. This SECTION does not apply to the University Curriculum Committee.