

University Senate

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In favor-Opposd-Abstained: 70-0-1

**RESOLUTION TO UPDATE THE UNIVERSITY STATUTES TO CLARIFY  
CONSTITUENCY MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY,  
GENERAL POLICIES AND POWERS,  
AND  
TO REFER TO ELECTRONIC RATHER THAN VIRTUAL MEETINGS**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Senate approve the revisions of the University Statutes clarifying constituency membership, eligibility, and referring to electronic rather than virtual meetings, as set out, below.

**§20. Membership** The University Senate shall be a unicameral body whose membership shall be composed of representatives from the following categories:

*e. Professional library staff members*

Two members who shall be elected from and by those persons either holding a ~~full-time~~-trustee or presidential full-time appointment to the professional library service or holding a full-time appointment as an officer of administration within the libraries

*f. Research members*

Six members who shall be elected from and by those ~~persons~~ full-time research officers designated as senior research scientist or senior research scholar, Lamont research professor, research scientist or research scholar, Lamont associate research professor, associate research scientist or associate research scholar, Lamont assistant research professor, postdoctoral research scientist, postdoctoral research scholar, or postdoctoral research fellow, senior staff associate and staff associate, as defined in Section 62 of these Statutes, and who are not entitled to vote as officers of instruction

*h. Alumni members*

Two ~~alumni~~-members who are either alumni or alumnae shall be chosen by the Columbia Alumni Association ~~Council of the Alumni Federation of the University~~

## §21. Elections, eligibility, recall, and term of office

### a. Election of faculty members

1. The forty-two memberships for officers of instruction having an appointment without stated term as professor or associate professor as defined in Sections 60 or 61 shall be apportioned by the University Senate every five years among the Faculties of the Columbia Corporation in proportion to the number of such officers of instruction; ~~provided, however, that each such faculty, other than the Faculties of Arts and Sciences and Health Sciences, which shall not be entitled to elect any members, shall be entitled to elect at least one member; and Each Faculty shall be entitled to elect at least one member, except for the Faculties of Columbia College, General Studies, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the Arts, Professional Studies, and Health Sciences, which shall not be entitled to elect any members, except as specified below.~~ For the purposes of this paragraph (1), and paragraph (2) below, for the apportionment and election of members from the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, from the Faculties of the College, General Studies and the Graduate School each division of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, treated as one group, shall be among the three disciplines of namely the Social Sciences, Humanities, and Pure Natural Sciences, respectively, as specified in Section 153 of the Statutes, shall be treated as a separate Faculty. The five divisions of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences are as follows:

i. The Division of the Humanities shall consist of the following departments: Art History and Archaeology; Classics; East Asian Languages and Cultures; English and Comparative Literature; French and Romance Philology; Germanic Languages; Italian; Latin American and Iberian Cultures; Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies; Music; Philosophy; Religion; and Slavic Languages.

ii. The Division of Social Sciences shall consist of the following departments: African American and African Diaspora Studies, Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, and Sociology.

iii. The Division of Natural Sciences shall consist of the following departments: Astronomy; Biological Sciences; Chemistry; Earth and Environmental Sciences; Ecology, Evolution, and Environmental Biology; Mathematics; Physics; Psychology; and Statistics.

iv. The School of the Arts.

v. The School of Professional Studies.

2. The sixteen memberships for officers of instruction with stated term shall be apportioned by the University Senate every five years among the Faculties of the Columbia Corporation other than the Faculties of ~~Arts and Sciences~~ Columbia College, General Studies, the Graduate School of Arts and

Sciences, the Arts, Professional Studies, and Health Sciences, except as specified below. All such officers of instruction having an appointment as preceptor, associate, lecturer, instructor, and assistant professor, regardless of whether ~~all~~ such officers are full time or part time, shall be entitled to vote. Officers of instruction having an appointment with a stated term above that of assistant professor also shall be entitled to vote in this category. For the purposes of this paragraph (2), apportionment and election of members from the Faculties of ~~Arts and Sciences, the College, General Studies and the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, each division of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences, treated as one group, shall be among the three disciplines of namely the Social Sciences, Humanities, and Pure Natural Sciences, respectively,~~ as specified in paragraph (1) above Section 153 of the Statutes, shall be treated as a separate faculty.

*b. Election of student members*

The twenty-four memberships for full-time students shall be apportioned by the University Senate every five years as follows: twenty-two among the Faculties of the Columbia Corporation; provided, however, that at least one student member shall be elected from each Faculty other than the Faculties of Arts and Sciences and Health Sciences; two additional student members shall be elected from the Faculty with the largest number of full-time students; one additional student member shall be elected from each of the Faculties with the next largest number of full-time students; until the limit of twenty-two student seats for the Columbia Corporation is reached; one full-time student member shall be elected from Barnard College; and one full-time student member shall be elected from Teachers College. For the purposes of this subsection (b), the Faculty of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences shall be treated as consisting of three separate Faculties, comprised of the ~~divisions~~disciplines of the Humanities, Social Sciences, Humanities, and Pure Natural Sciences, respectively, as specified in paragraph (a.1) above Section 153 of the Statutes. Students here are defined to include all those seeking degrees and all those non-degree-seeking students who have been designated as members of constituencies by the Senate By-Laws.

*c. Election of members from professional library staff and administrative staff*

Two members shall be elected from and by the research-professional library staff and administrative staff.

*d. Election of members of officers of research*

The six memberships for officers of research shall be ~~apportioned by the University Senate biennially elected~~ as follows: four ~~among shall be elected from~~ officers of research members designated as senior research scientist or senior research scholar, Lamont research professor, research scientist or research scholar, Lamont associate research professor, associate research scientist or associate research scholar, and Lamont assistant research professor; one additional research officer member shall be elected from those persons designated as postdoctoral research scientist, postdoctoral research scholar, or postdoctoral research fellow; and one additional research officer member shall be elected from those

persons designated senior staff associate or staff associate.

**§23. General policies** Subject to the reserve power of the Trustees and the provisions of Sections [25](#), [293](#), [and 333](#), the University Senate shall be a policy-making body which may consider all matters of University-wide concern, all matters affecting more than one Faculty or school, and all matters pertaining to the implementation and execution of agreements with the other educational institutions that are now or may hereafter become affiliated with the University. Without limitation by enumeration the University Senate shall

**§24. Powers** The University Senate, subject to the reserve power of the Trustees and the provisions of Section 25, shall have power, and it shall be its duty:

a. *Academic correlation*: to secure the correlation of courses offered by the several Faculties and Administrative Boards; to adjust all questions involving more than one Faculty or Administrative Board, [except those matters reserved to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences under Section 293 of these Statutes and to the Faculty of Health Sciences under Section 333 of these Statutes](#);

b. *Degrees*: to prescribe, by concurrent action with the appropriate Faculty or Administrative Board, the conditions upon which the following degrees shall be conferred and to recommend candidates for such degrees:

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)—Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

e. *Barnard College*: to prescribe the manner in which the degree of [B](#)bachelor of [A](#)arts conferred upon graduates of Barnard College shall be maintained at all times as a degree of equal value with the degree of [B](#)bachelor of [A](#)arts conferred upon the graduates of Columbia College;

**§27. Meetings** The University Senate shall meet regularly as provided in its By-Laws. Special meetings shall be held on the call of the President and in accordance with its By-Laws. When practicable, meetings of the Senate shall be conducted in person. [VirtualElectronic](#) meetings of the Senate may be called by the President, by the chair of the Executive Committee of the University Senate in consultation with the members of the Executive Committee of the University Senate, and in accordance with other methods specified in its By-Laws. The President shall be the presiding officer of the University Senate. In the absence of the President, the chair of the Executive Committee of the University Senate shall preside.

Proponent:  
Senate Structure and Operations Committee

## II

### THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

**§20. Membership** The University Senate shall be a unicameral body whose membership shall be composed of representatives from the following categories:

*a. Administration members*

1. The President
2. The Provost (or if there is more than one Provost, the Provost designated by the President)
3. The dean of the Faculty of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences
4. The dean of Columbia College
5. Five members, who shall be appointed by the President, from among officers of administration who are part of the central administration and administrators of Faculties

*b. Faculty members*

1. Forty-two officers of instruction having an appointment without stated term as professor or associate professor as defined in Sections 60 and 61, to be elected from and by such officers of instruction, subject to the provisions of Section 21
2. Sixteen officers of instruction having an appointment for a stated term as defined in Sections 60 and 61 to be elected from and by such officers of instruction, subject to the provisions of Section 21

*c. Student members*

Twenty-two students as defined in Section 381 to be elected from and by such students as provided in Section 21, one student from Barnard College to be elected from and by the students of Barnard College as provided in Section 21, and one student from Teachers College to be elected from and by the students of Teachers College as provided in Section 21

*d. Affiliated institution members*

1. Two representatives of the faculty of Barnard College

2. Subject to renegotiation of the existing affiliation agreement with Teachers College, two representatives of the faculty of Teachers College

3. Subject to renegotiation of the existing affiliation agreement with the Union Theological Seminary, one representative of the faculty of the Union Theological Seminary

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*g. Administrative staff members*

Two members who shall be elected from and by those persons having an appointment from the President or the Secretary of the University, or who are in Grade VII or above of the University Personnel Classification System for officers of administration and supporting staff and who are not entitled to vote in any other category for members of the University Senate

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research officer member shall be elected from those persons designated senior staff associate or staff associate.

*e. Representatives from affiliated institutions*

Each of the affiliated institutions shall choose representatives from among their respective Faculties to serve as members in such manner as each of them may determine.

*f. Direct and indirect elections*

All members elected under subsections (a), (b), and (c) shall be chosen by direct election, except that student members may be chosen by indirect election as hereinafter provided. If the indirect election method is chosen, then the student member of the University Senate shall be elected by the elected student governing body of the Faculty from which the student member of the University Senate is being chosen. Such choice shall be exercised only by a referendum of the students within such Faculty and shall stand unless and until reversed by a succeeding referendum. If there is no elected student governing body of the Faculty which is authorized to hold indirect elections, and if either a seat assigned to a student member has remained vacant for six months or longer, or elections have failed to fill such a seat, then a member may be elected from one or more departments within that Faculty in rotation, as may be prescribed by the body designated of the University Senate, to administer University Senate elections.

*g. Time of election and term of office*

There shall be two regular election periods each year, one in the spring and one in the fall. The regular term of office for each member shall be as follows:

1. For each member elected in the spring elections, the term of office shall begin fourteen days before the day of Commencement next following his or her election and shall be for two years; provided that a member elected to a vacant seat shall assume office immediately; and provided further that if the spring elections are not completed by the date set for the beginning of his or her term, the member shall assume office immediately upon the completion of the elections.
2. For each member elected in the fall elections, the term of office shall commence immediately upon election and shall expire fourteen days before the day of the second Commencement next following his or her election.
3. For each appointed member, the term of office shall commence immediately upon appointment and shall expire fourteen days before the day of the second Commencement next following his or her appointment.

It shall be the responsibility of each member to advise the commission supervising elections of members to the University Senate, as early as possible, if he or she will be unable to serve his or her full term. When such commission is so advised, provision will be made to vote, at the next election, for a member to fill the anticipated vacancy. The term of such member shall be the same as that of all other members elected in the same election period, except that if the seat is occupied at the time of election, the term shall commence upon the effective date of resignation of the retiring member. Except as provided in subsection (f), any vacancy occurring between election periods shall be filled in the same manner in which the original member was chosen, and the term of office for each member so elected shall commence immediately upon election and shall expire fourteen days before the day of the second Commencement next following the election. The Executive Committee of the University Senate may designate a date for the expiration of terms and beginnings of new terms different from the date set herein, if such a redesignation is necessary to allow for an orderly transition of the work of the University Senate from one session to the next. No person shall be disqualified from election because he or she will be a member of the category from which he or she is elected for less than two years. However, his or her membership shall terminate when he or she is no longer a member of the category from which he or she was elected.

*h. Recall*

Every elected member shall be subject to recall. Upon petition signed by one-fourth of the number of members of the category from which the member was elected, a recall election shall be held. A majority of votes cast for recall shall cause the recall of the member and his or her membership shall thereupon become vacant. The provisions of subsection (f) shall also apply to recall elections.

**§22. Duties** It shall be the duty of the University Senate

- a. to report to the Trustees its opinion as to any exercise of power proposed by a Faculty under Section 35;
- b. to submit such proposals to the Trustees or to the President or to the several Faculties as in its judgment may serve to increase the efficiency of University work;
- c. to consider any question that may arise as to the conduct or efficiency of any officer of administration or instruction, and to report thereon to the Trustees through the President.

**§23. General policies** Subject to the reserve power of the Trustees and the provisions of Sections 25, 293, and 333, the University Senate shall be a policy-making body which may consider all matters of University-wide concern, all matters affecting more than one Faculty or school, and all matters pertaining to the implementation and execution of agreements with the other educational

institutions that are now or may hereafter become affiliated with the University. Without limitation by enumeration the University Senate shall

- a. develop and review plans and policies to strengthen the educational system of the University;
- b. work on the long-range master plan for the physical development of the University; recommend ways in which it can be improved; and keep the same under continuing review;
- c. work for the advancement of academic freedom and the protection of faculty interests;
- d. work for the promotion of student welfare and the enhancement of student life;
- e. initiate and review policies to govern the University's relations with outside agencies for research, instruction, and related purposes;
- f. foster policies for cooperative and mutually beneficial relations with the neighboring community;
- g. review by broad categories the annual budget of the University after its adoption and advise the Trustees as to its general conformity with the goals of the University;
- h. consider and recommend policies relating to the awarding of University prizes and honors, and assist the Trustees in the selection of recipients of such prizes and honors;
- i. promulgate a code of conduct for faculty, students, and staff and provide for its enforcement;
- j. initiate proposed changes in Chapter II of these Statutes which have been passed by a vote of at least three-fifths of all incumbent members of the University Senate.

**§24. Powers** The University Senate, subject to the reserve power of the Trustees and the provisions of Section 25, shall have power, and it shall be its duty:

- a. *Academic correlation*: to secure the correlation of courses offered by the several Faculties and Administrative Boards; to adjust all questions involving more than one Faculty or Administrative Board, except those matters reserved to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences under Section 293 of these Statutes and to the Faculty of Health Sciences under Section 333 of these Statutes;
- b. *Degrees*: to prescribe, by concurrent action with the appropriate Faculty or Administrative Board, the conditions upon which the following degrees shall be conferred and to recommend candidates for such degrees:

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)—Faculty of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and Administrative Board of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Doctor of the Science of Law (J.S.D.)—Faculty of Law

Juris Doctor (J.D.)—Faculty of Law

Doctor of Medical Science (Med.Sc.D.)—Faculties of Medicine and Dental Medicine

Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)—Faculty of Medicine

Doctor of Dental Surgery (D.D.S.)—Faculty of Dental Medicine

Doctor of Occupational Therapy (O.T.D.)—Faculty of Medicine

Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.)—Faculty of Medicine

Doctor of Nursing Practice (Dr.N.P.)—Faculty of Nursing

Doctor of Public Health (Dr.P.H.)—Faculty of Public Health

Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)—Faculty of Teachers College

Doctor of Engineering Science (Eng.Sc.D.)—Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Doctor of Musical Arts (D.M.A.)—Faculty of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.)—Faculty of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and Administrative Board of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Master of Architecture (M.Arch.)—Faculty of Architecture, Planning and Preservation

Master of Arts (M.A.)—Faculties of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Faculty of the Arts, Faculty of Journalism, Teachers College, Union Theological Seminary, and Administrative Board of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Master of Science (M.S.)—Faculties of Medicine, Engineering and Applied Science, Journalism, Teachers College, Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Journalism, Dental Medicine, Social Work, Business, Nursing, Public Health, and Professional Studies

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)—Faculty of Business

Master of Health Administration (M.H.A.)—Faculty of Public Health

Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.)—Faculty of Professional Studies

Master of International Affairs (M.I.A.)—Faculty of International and Public Affairs

Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.)—Faculty of International and Public Affairs

Master of Laws (LL.M.)—Faculty of Law

Master of Public Health (M.P.H.)—Faculty of Public Health

Master of Fine Arts (M.F.A.)—Faculty of the Arts

Master of Education (Ed.M.)—Faculty of Teachers College

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)—Faculty of Barnard College

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)—Faculty of Columbia College

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.)—Faculty of General Studies

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)—Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)—Faculty of Nursing

Bachelor of Science (B.S.)—Faculty of General Studies

c. *Certificates*: to prescribe the conditions upon which certificates and such other certificates as the University Senate may from time to time approve, shall be awarded upon recommendation of the several Faculties, Administrative Boards, or committees;

d. *College courses*: to prescribe, by concurrent action with the Faculties of Columbia College, Barnard College, and General Studies, severally, the extent to which courses offered by other Faculties and leading to graduate or professional degrees or diplomas shall be included in the programs of studies under those Faculties, and the conditions upon which such courses may be elected by candidates for a nonprofessional first degree;

e. *Barnard College*: to prescribe the manner in which the degree of Bachelor of Arts conferred upon graduates of Barnard College shall be maintained at all times as a degree of equal value with the degree of Bachelor of Arts conferred upon the graduates of Columbia College;

f. *Other institutions*: to adopt regulations, subject to approval by the Trustees, providing for the proper execution, as regards educational matters, of agreements that are now in existence or that may hereafter be made between the University and such other educational institutions as are now or may hereafter become affiliated with the University, and to prescribe what degrees, diplomas, and certificates may be granted by said institutions and the conditions for granting the same;

g. *Summer Session*: to adopt regulations governing the relation of instruction in the Summer Session to the other work of the University;

h. *Fellowships and scholarships*: to determine the conditions upon which fellowships and University scholarships shall be awarded, to appoint all fellows and University scholars, and to make rules for their government, subject to such restrictions as may be prescribed by the Statutes or by the terms upon which the several fellowships and University scholarships are established;

i. *Academic Calendar*: to fix, annually in advance the Academic Calendar, the dates for entrance and final examinations, the date of Commencement, and the order of Commencement exercises;

j. *Research bureaus*: to encourage original research and to authorize the establishment of research bureaus to be conducted by a Faculty or by one or more departments under such terms as the University Senate may prescribe;

k. *Libraries*: to advise in such matters pertaining to the administration of the libraries as may be laid before it by the Provost or Provosts or by the University Librarian;

## **§25. Limitations of powers**

a. Unless Trustee concurrence is required, acts of the University Senate under Sections 22 and 23 shall become final on passage. In all matters involving a change in budgetary appropriations, involving the acquisition or disposition of real property, affecting contractual obligations of the University, or as required by law, such concurrence shall be required. In all other matters, the action of the University Senate will be final unless the President shall advise the University Senate not later than its next regularly scheduled meeting that Trustee concurrence is necessary. Acts of the University Senate under Sections 22 and 23 shall be concurred in or not concurred in by the Trustees by the second stated meeting of the Trustees following the submission of the University Senate's action to the Trustees, except when the Trustees shall advise the University Senate of their need for a longer specified period of time to consider such actions. Whenever the Trustees

do not concur in an act of the University Senate under Sections 22 and 23, they shall return the measure to the University Senate with an explanation of the reason for their action.

b. No exercise of the powers conferred on the University Senate by Section 24 that involves a change in the educational policy of the University in respect to the requirements of admission or the conditions of graduation shall take effect until the same shall have been submitted to the Trustees at one meeting and another meeting of the Trustees shall have been held.

c. Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b), the President may convene a special meeting of the University Senate within fifteen class days of any University Senate action, and may request it to reconsider such action.

**§26. By-Laws and committees** The University Senate shall have the power to organize itself and to make all such By-Laws and regulations for its own proceedings as shall not contravene the Charter of the University or these Statutes. Such By-Laws shall be amended only by a three-fifths vote of all incumbent members of the University Senate. Any such By-Laws and regulations may provide for such committees as may be necessary or desirable. Such committees shall include an Executive Committee. The Trustees shall work with the Executive Committee of the University Senate in the nomination of six Trustees as provided in the By-Laws of the Trustees. The Trustees shall work with the Executive Committee of the University Senate in the selection of a President of the University as provided in the By-Laws of the Trustees. The President shall work with the Executive Committee of the University Senate in the selection of the Provost or Provosts as provided in Section 50. The Executive Committee of the University Senate shall participate in the appointment of University Professors as provided in Section 61.

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**§28. Staff** The University shall furnish, to the extent provided for in the University's budget, assistance to the University Senate as a whole and to its committees in connection with its official business, as may be authorized by the Executive Committee of the University Senate.