GENERAL LEGISLATIVE ACTION

At its meeting on May 13, 2021, the Faculty Senate approved legislation that would amend the Faculty Code related to membership on the Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting. These changes have been approved at every step of the legislative process. The Faculty Council on Tri-campus Policy has developed and approved this legislation.

Please vote by June 4, 2021.

Proposed Legislation
Background and Rationale

On January 28, 2021, the Faculty Council on Tri-campus Policy approved the following proposed Class A legislation for submission to the Faculty Senate.

The membership of the Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting is loosely defined in the Faculty Code as maintaining representation from the colleges, schools, and campuses. In practice, this has usually meant that the membership consists entirely of UW Seattle faculty members. This legislation will ensure that there is always at least one faculty member from UW Bothell, UW Tacoma, and the School of Medicine.

The presidents of the Associated Students of the University of Washington and Graduate and Professional Student Senate are also guaranteed membership (without vote) on the committee. This legislation will also add the student body presidents from UW Bothell and UW Tacoma.

Counter Arguments to Proposal

Questions were raised about singling out the School of Medicine as opposed to other units, particularly the College of Arts and Sciences.

Concerns were raised that the committee membership might become too large, negatively affecting its effectiveness.

The Proposed Class A Legislation

Be it resolved by the Faculty Senate to submit to the faculty for approval or rejection that Chapter 22 of the Faculty Code be amended to read as shown below:

Proposed Amendment to the Faculty Code:
(Additions are underlined; deletions are struck through)

University of Washington
Faculty Code and Governance
Faculty Code Chapter 22
Section 22-91 Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting

A. The Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting shall advise the administration and shall inform the Faculty Senate on long-range planning and on preparation of budgets and distribution of funds with particular reference to faculty concerns. The committee shall be guided by the advice of the Executive Committee and/or the Senate on matters of policy.

B. It shall be the responsibility of the Chair of the Senate Committee on Planning and Budgeting to report committee activities on a regular basis to, and to seek advice from, the Executive Committee and the Senate. The Chair shall be a member of the Senate Executive Committee.

C. The committee membership shall consist of:

1. Twelve Fifteen faculty members, including:
   a. The immediate past Chair of the Faculty Senate, who also chairs the committee effective August 1 through July 31;
   b. The Senate Chair;
   c. The Faculty Legislative Representative and Deputy Legislative Representative;
   d. Six Nine at-large faculty members, nomination, election, and replacement of whom shall be governed by procedures set forth in Chapter 42, Section 42-32 of the Faculty Code, and who shall serve three-year terms; in nominating such members, the Senate Executive Committee shall maintain representation from the colleges, schools, and campuses, including at least one representative each from the Bothell, Seattle, Tacoma campuses and the School of Medicine;
   e. The Senate Vice Chair;
   f. The Secretary of the Faculty;

2. The Provost, the Vice Provost for Planning and Budgeting, and a representative of the Board of Deans;

3. One student member nominated jointly by the ASUW and GPSS, and who shall serve a one-year term;

4. The Presidents of the ASUW, ASUWB, ASUWT and GPSS, who shall serve ex officio without vote.

D. Terms of members shall begin on September 16, unless otherwise specified at the time of appointment.


Approved by:
Senate Executive Committee
February 8, 2021

Approved by:
Faculty Senate
February 25, 2021

Approved by: