Revisions to Senate Committees

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Senate Rules Committee is recommending revisions to two Senate Committees

- 1. Curriculum Committee
- 2. Lectures Committee

1. Curriculum Committee

Since the University College has been merged into the College of Liberal Arts, it no longer needs to have a representative on the Senate Curriculum Committee. This revision would remove the University College representative from the committee description in the Faculty Handbook.

Note: Both the College of Liberal Arts and the Faculty Handbook Review Committee have approved this change.

1. Curriculum Committee

"Curriculum Committee: The Curriculum Committee shall consist of the provost or designee as chair, the registrar or designee as secretary, the dean of the Graduate School or designee, one faculty member from each academic college or school, one representative from the University College, one representative from the Honors College, and one non-voting member from the Libraries (appointed by the dean of the Libraries to a three-year term). The committee shall recommend approval or disapproval of requests for undergraduate curriculum changes and changes that affect both undergraduate and graduate curricula (e.g., 5000/6000 courses, accelerated bachelor's and master's programs, etc.). In addition, the committee shall review overall curriculum patterns and course content of the instructional program other than the University Core Curriculum and shall recommend to the Senate curriculum changes needed by the University."

2. Lectures Committee

The Senate Lectures Committee is a large committee (~15 members) chaired by a Provost designee that dispenses small grants for a limited number of special lectures. These lectures are typically small in scope and require review and consensus for often minimal amounts of funding. Overall, it has been determined that the committee members' time and efforts could be used on other more important matters if the process is simplified to allow the Provost's Office to fund the grants directly. Therefore, the Senate Rules committee is requesting that the Lectures Committee be disbanded and the description be removed from the Faculty Handbook.

Note that the Faculty Handbook Review Committee has approved this revision.

2. Lectures Committee

Lectures Committee: The Lectures Committee shall consist of the associate provost or designee serving as chair, three faculty members, one graduate student nominated by the Graduate Student Council, two undergraduate students nominated by the Student Government Association, and program representatives from each of the following: York Lectureship Series, Littleton-Franklin Lecture Series, New Horizons/Graduate Student Council Series, Research Week, University Program Council (UPC), Common Book Program, Multicultural Center, and Women's Resource Center. Representatives of other program areas may be recruited as needed/desired. The committee is a companion to the student-run University Program Council

These are Pending Action Items for your Information. At the next Senate meeting they will be brought back as action items each requiring a 2/3rds vote of the Senate.

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