



## FACULTY MEETING BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I. The Faculty Meeting

- A. Faculty governance is carried out through decisions made at Faculty Meetings and through a system of committees of the Faculty.
- B. Faculty Meetings, presided over by the President, are generally held on the first Friday of each month.
- C. Eligibility to Vote

1. All the faculty as herein defined are expected to attend Faculty Meetings and are eligible to vote:

- a. all full-time members of the faculty and faculty holding shared appointments at the rank of assistant professor or above,
- b. visiting instructors, librarians, artists-in-residence, writers-in-residence, and full-year full-time lecturers,
- c. the President, the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty, the Dean of Enrollment and College Relations, the Associate Dean of the Faculty, the Dean of Student Affairs, the Dean of Studies, the Dean of Special Programs, the Registrar and Director of Institutional Research, the Director of Admissions, the Director of University Without Walls, the Director of Master of Arts in Liberal Studies, the Director of Summer Sessions and Summer Special Programs,
- d. and such other administrative officers as may be appointed to the Faculty by the Board of Trustees upon recommendation of the President with the concurrence of the Faculty.

2. A voting member of the faculty who is on leave of absence may vote in faculty meetings. Faculty members on leave will be notified of faculty meetings only through normal college channels.

3. Proxy votes and absentee ballots are not allowed in faculty meetings.

### D. Eligibility to Attend

- 1. Teaching associates departmental assistants, part-time faculty and administrators without faculty status are invited to attend and participate in faculty meetings, on a permanent or temporary basis, but without a vote.
- 2. The following students are also invited to attend but without a vote: six students to be selected in a manner determined by the Student Senate, students on faculty and all-college committees when items relevant to their committees are on the agenda, one representative from the Skidmore Radio Station, one representative of the Skidmore Television Station, and one representative of the Skidmore News.

### ARTICLE II. The Presiding Officer

A. The President shall preside over the Faculty Meeting. In the absence of the President, the presiding officer will be in successive order

- 1. The Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty;
- 2. The Chairperson of the Committee on Faculty Governance;
- 3. A member of the Faculty selected by the Faculty Meeting.

B. The President shall appoint a parliamentarian from the faculty who will advise the chair at all meetings on questions of procedure. The parliamentarian will also serve as a resource for faculty to consult on parliamentary questions. The parliamentarian has no authority to make rulings or to enforce them.

### ARTICLE III. The Agenda and Minutes

A. The Agenda.

1. Faculty members should notify the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty of items they wish included on the agenda at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.
2. The agenda shall be distributed to the Faculty no later than the morning of the day of the Faculty Meeting.
3. The order of the agenda may be changed by the presiding officer, subject to challenge by a majority vote of the Faculty Meeting.

B. Minutes

1. The Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty shall appoint a note-taker for the Faculty Meeting.
2. The Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty is responsible for distributing minutes of all official meetings to all members no later than one week in advance of every meeting.
3. Approval of the minutes shall normally be the first item on the agenda.

ARTICLE IV. Quorum

A. A quorum shall be necessary for

1. votes on matters of policy (see Article VII, A);
2. votes to suspend the rules;
3. votes to go into executive session (see Article VII, B);
4. votes to amend the by-laws.

B. The quorum shall be 75 members.

ARTICLE V. The Right to Speak

A. At Faculty Meetings

1. The chairperson shall not speak to a motion while occupying the chair.
2. Other persons may speak only when recognized by the chair.
3. The speaker should address the chair.
4. The speaker should limit the length of remarks to a reasonable length (observing the guideline of two minutes).
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ARTICLE VIII. On all matters of parliamentary procedure not specifically enumerated in the by-laws, the Faculty Meeting shall observe those rules that are part of Robert's Rules or the Standard Rules of Parliamentary Procedure, provided that they do not conflict with the spirit or letter of the by-laws.

ARTICLE IX. Adoption and Amendment of the by-laws.

- A. By-laws are initially passed by a simple majority vote.
- B. A proposal to amend the by-laws shall be considered a policy matter, and as such shall not be voted on at the meeting at which it is proposed (See VII A).
- C. A vote on a proposed change requires the presence of a quorum.
- D. A 2/3 majority vote is required for passage.
- E. If passed, the amendment shall go immediately into effect.