

Faculty Governance Unification Subcommittee

First Progress Report

- Formed at the “Faculty Governance Retreat” on Oct. 8, 2010 to continue on the tasks started by the “Faculty Governance Unification Task Force”.
- Members: Steven Pei (Chair), Ben Bensaoula, Roger Boltz (GPSC Chair), Simon Bott (UC Chair), Mark Clarke (FS President), Bill Dupre, Dmitri Litvinov (RC Chair), Monica McHenry, Maria Solino, Dan Wells, and Larry Williams.
- Met twice already (Oct. 11 and Oct. 18).
- October, 2010 – February 2011: Develop a detailed plan to be voted on by the Faculty Senate, and the Councils.
- April, 2011: If approved begin the transition.

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1. Fusion of Faculty Senate, Undergraduate Council, Research Council and Graduate and Professional Studies Council.
 - a. Plan for a 2-3 years transitional period.
 - b. Minimize the impact on the existing organizations.
 - c. Keep the initial sizes of each organization unchanged.
 - i. Faculty Senate (52 at-large senators prorated by T/TT faculty FTEs)
 - ii. Undergraduate Council (30 members not including the 5 ex officio members and 3 student representatives)
 - iii. Graduate and Professional Studies Council (24 members not including the 1 affiliate member from Research Council)
 - iv. Research Council (20 appointed members not including the 2 ex officio, 1 center representative and 2 affiliate members)
 - d. The total number of senators in its final configuration shall be less than 10% of the total number of faculty they represent.

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2. Current Faculty Senate committees will be rearranged into:
 - a. Budget and Facilities
 - b. Community and Governmental Affairs
 - c. Faculty Affairs
 - d. Faculty Governance
 - e. Graduate and Professional Affairs
 - f. Research and Scholarship
 - g. Undergraduate Affairs

3. Some functions will be fused, e.g.,
 - a. Education Policies and Student Affairs Committee (EPSAC) and Undergraduate Council.
 - b. Move the International Exchange Program from EPSAC to Community and Governmental Affairs.

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4. Selection of Committee Members

- a. Currently, Councils have a mix of elected and appointed members.
- b. After the transitional period, committee members will be senators if and only if they are below the rank of dean and they are elected.
- c. The subcommittee will poll the Councils for their preference of the following options of how to select members of their corresponding committees in the future.
 - i. All committee members will be selected by directed elections with the rights to vote at both committees and FS.
 - ii. Each College will appoint one and only one representative on these committees. The appointed member can vote on the designated committee, but will not have the title of the senator and cannot vote at the FS meetings. The rest of the committee members will be selected by directed elections with the rights to vote at both the committee and FS.
 - iii. Colleges will be allowed to appoint their representatives to the committees. However, the appointed members can only vote on the committee decisions, and will not have the title of the senator and cannot vote at the FS meetings.

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5. Expansion of Faculty Senate to include Instructional/Research/Clinical Faculty with three or more years of continuous full time service at UH.
 - a. Fall Semester data shows 79 instructional, 56 research, and 90 clinical faculty with three or more years of continuous full time service at UH
 - b. Preliminary analysis of the data showed that the addition of 79 instructional, 56 research, and 90 clinical faculty have little impact on the senator seat distribution among colleges.
 - c. Currently, research faculty has one seat on the Research Council appointed by the VP for Research. It is recommended that FS will run campus wide elections by research faculty in the future to choose their own representative on the Research Council.

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6. Revision of Faculty Senate Bylaws
 - a. Preliminary language draft by David Mazella has been reviewed
 - b. Roger Boltz will incorporate the GPSC mission into the draft
 - c. Will work with FS and Councils to draft the revision of FS bylaws