

ARTICLE II. THE FACULTY SENATE

Section 1. Duties and Responsibilities

- A. With the President, Provost, other officers of the University, deans, and department chairs, the Faculty Senate shall be concerned with the **planning and guidance of the educational programs of the University and policies concerning the well-being and security of the faculty.**
- B. The Faculty Senate may receive proposals originating from academic units, committees, academic support services, individual faculty members, the administration of the University, or other sources. Proposals shall be in writing. All proposals (other than those originating from a standing or ad hoc committee) shall ordinarily be referred to the appropriate standing or ad hoc committee by the Executive Committee.
- C. The Faculty Senate may respond to a proposal by:
 1. Passing a resolution that expresses the opinion of the Faculty Senate. For a resolution to be approved it must be passed by a majority of the members present.
 2. Passing an act that will change policy and/or procedures when fully approved by the faculty, the President, and (when necessary) the Board of Trustees. For an act to be approved, it must be passed by a majority of the members present.
 3. Defeating it.

Section 2. **Membership**

A. **Eligibility**

A candidate must be a member of the voting FMU faculty.

B. **Composition**

1. **One Senator (two if Department/School exceeds twenty voting members) shall be elected from the following academic units:**
 - a. **each academic department within the College of Liberal Arts**
 - b. **Library**
 - c. **School of Business**
 - d. **School of Education**
 - e. **School of Health Sciences**
2. **Eight additional Senators shall be elected at large.**