

Faculty Senate and Full Faculty Practices

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Question	Brandeis	Rice	Wake Forest	Washington U
Who Chairs?	Senate Chair (faculty)	Senate Speaker (faculty)	Senate President (faculty)	The Chancellor, or at her/his request, the chair of the Senate Council presides
Number of Faculty Senators	19	32	37	All voting members of the schools of the University
How are members of the Faculty Senate Selected?	Representative by school/college; 6 at large, 1 emeritae/emeriti	Faculty Senate: Representative by school/college; 30 elected, 2 Presidential appointments.	Faculty Senate: Representative by school/college & library	<u>See above</u>
Term limit	3 years	3 years, staggered terms	4 years	3 years, staggered terms
Service limit	2 consecutive terms (6 years)	No more than 7 years	2 consecutive terms (8 years)	No information
Report to faculty?	Yes	Unclear - the faculty governance system "combines representative governance with considerable leeway for faculty initiative and at times recourse to decision by referendum." (Handbook)	Yes	See Faculty Senate members in leadership roles below

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Areas of responsibility	Introduces issues, formulates legislation & proposals for other actions for Faculty Meeting consideration; conducts faculty elections; ensures faculty issues of concern are considered by Faculty Meeting or appropriate academic administrative bodies.	Has "extensive authority to make decisions on matters of interest to the faculty;" Senate powers and duties delegated by the BoT and faculty.	<u>Faculty Senate:</u> participate in long-range planning for the University; represent the faculty on administrative and University committees; participate on search committees for senior administrative positions.	Elect at-large members of Senate Council; review Council Actions; amend Senate By-laws, amend the Constitution and Policy on Academic Freedom, Responsibility, and Tenure, with approval of the chancellor and the BoT.
Areas where recommend	Reviews and makes recommendations on proposed legislation and suggested changes in university rules affecting faculty to respective sponsors and to Faculty Meeting; reviews and recommends improvements for standing and special faculty committees; considers proposals for establishing new schools, departments, undergraduate interdepartmental programs; considers other issues from faculty and academic administration and recommends action	The Faculty Senate "considers a wide range of problems and policies, including all proposals for changes in curriculum and degree requirements." It also serves as the primary advising body to the president on policy decisions and matters affecting the faculty.		Recommend amendments to Constitution and the Policy on Academic Freedom, Responsibility, and Tenure for consideration by Senate Council and approval by Chancellor and BoT.

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Role of administrators in the Senate	President, <i>ex officio</i> , nonvoting	President and Provost, <i>ex officio</i> , nonvoting members.	President, Provost, the SVP & CFP, Deans of academic units, a representative of the Staff Advisory Council, and the immediate past president of the Senate (if no longer an elected representative), <i>ex officio</i> , nonvoting.	<u>Senate Council</u> : (see Faculty Senate Leadership Roles below): Chancellor, Provost and Exec. Vice Chancellor, Exec. Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs and Dean, Vice Provost, Past Chair, <i>ex officio</i> , nonvoting
Faculty Senate				
Number of Faculty Senators in leadership roles	<u>Council of the Faculty Senate</u> : 4 members: Senate President, 3 members elected from Senate	<u>Executive Committee</u> : 8-10 members: Speaker (Chair), Deputy Speaker, 6-8 additional voting members of the Senate	<u>Senate Executive Committee</u> : 5 officers of the Senate - president, past-president, vice-president, secretary, and member-at-large - and chairpersons of standing committees	<u>Faculty Senate Council</u> : 9 Divisional members elected from the 9 schools; 5 at-large members; Senate Secretary
Term Limit	1 year	No information	Depends on turnover in officers and chairpersons of standing committees	3 years, staggered terms
Areas of responsibility	Represent Senate in discussions with senior administrators; nominates candidates for faculty committees; informally mediates disputes involving faculty.	Sets agendas for Senate meetings; may act on behalf of the Senate between May 15 and August 15 on urgent matters.	Provides policy direction for Senate; approves recommendations for honorary degrees prior to BoT approval; participate when requested by BoT in nomination process for faculty reps to BoT committees.	Set Faculty Senate meeting agendas.

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Areas where recommend	Advises President on Provost candidate selection and appointment of Interim Provost; advises Provost on academic dean candidate selection, academic dean reappointment, on establishment and discontinuation of departments, centers, institutes, programs, other academic units; on faculty suspension or dismissal.		Advise Provost on policy decisions affecting University community; advises Provost on search committee composition for senior administrative positions; advise Provost in the selection of honorary degree recipients; advise on the appointment of senior administrative officers; advise Dean of the Medical School on policy decisions affecting the Medical School in its functions as part of the larger University community.	Considers reappointment of senior administrators, and submits disapproval to appointing officer where appropriate; provides consultation to Chancellor on initial appointments of senior administrators; provide consultation to Chancellor and BoT on search committee selection for new chancellor; make recommendations on university-wide and academic personnel policies and changes to policies affecting University welfare to senior administrators.
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Chair interaction with Board	Senate Chair, <i>ex officio</i> , nonvoting	No	No	Senate Chair, <i>ex officio</i> , nonvoting
Sources:	Brandeis: Faculty Handbook April 2017 http://www.brandeis.edu/provost/facultyinfo/pdfs/faculty_handbook_april_2017.pdf)			

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	<p>Rice: Faculty Handbook http://fachandbook.rice.edu; Constitution of the Rice University Faculty Senate: https://professor.rice.edu/professor/Constitution1.asp; Bylaws of Rice University Faculty Senate: http://professor.rice.edu/professor/Bylaws.asp; About the Faculty Senate http://www.professor.rice.edu/professor/faculty_senate.asp?SnID=406032710</p>			
	<p>Wake Forest: Faculty Senate Bylaws: http://facultysenate.wfu.edu/by-laws/; Wake Forest Faculty Senate: http://facultysenate.wfu.edu; http://facultysenate.wfu.edu/files/2012/10/Addendum-C-Best-Practices-ad.hoc_.Report.Revision.4.21.15-2.pdf).</p>			
	<p>Washington U: Faculty Senate and Senate Council: https://facultysenate.wustl.edu; https://wustl.edu/about/compliance-policies/governance/faculty-senate-senate-council/; https://facultysenate.wustl.edu/organizational-structure/; Report of the ad hoc Best Practices meeting: https://source.wustl.edu/2017/05/trustees-meet-elect-new-board-members-officers/ for this information).</p>			