

Texas Woman's University Regent Policy

Regent Policy Name: Faculty Senate

Regent Policy Number: Regent Policy: C.30020

POLICY STATEMENT

This policy provides for the establishment of a Faculty Senate at Texas Woman's University (TWU) for the faculty to advise the University Administration.

APPLICABILITY

This policy is applicable to TWU Student, Faculty, Staff, and Guests.

DEFINITIONS

None

POLICY

I. Faculty Senate

Section 1 General

- 1.1 A Faculty Senate represents the entire University faculty and serves as an advisory body to the University Administration. It may not be delegated the final decision-making authority on any University matter.
- 1.2 A Faculty Senate may participate in the shared academic governance of the University through advising the University administration and any system administration on academic matters related to the general welfare of the University.
- 1.3 A Faculty Senate shall function in accordance with its approved constitution and bylaws, subject to the Texas Education Code and University policy and regulations.
- 1.4 A Faculty Senate may only be established by the TWU Board of Regents in accordance with the Texas Education Code and University policy and regulations.

Section 2 Policy Governing Selection of Faculty Senate Members. The following policy is adopted to ensure adequate representation of each TWU college:

- 2.1 A Faculty Senate shall represent the entire faculty of the University.
- 2.2 All Faculty Senate members must be TWU faculty.
- 2.3 The size of a Faculty Senate shall not exceed 60 members.
- 2.4 Each TWU college shall be represented by at least two Faculty Senate seats.
 - a. At least one senate member from each TWU college shall be appointed by the Chancellor.
 - b. The remaining senate members from each TWU college shall be elected by the faculty of the member's respective college.

II. University Regulations and Procedures – Faculty Senate

Adoption of Regulations and Procedures. The Chancellor and President may adopt University Regulations and Procedures concerning the membership, responsibilities, meetings, and functions of Faculty Senate consistent with state and federal law.

REVIEW

This policy will remain in effect and published until it is reviewed, updated, or archived. This policy is to be reviewed once every six years. Interim review may be required as a result of updates to federal and state law or regulations, or internal processes or procedures.

REFERENCES

Texas Education Code, Section 51.3522

FORMS AND TOOLS

None.

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