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Governance Review Commission
DRAFT of Senate Membership

Current	Proposed Revisions
Article II. Membership of the University Senate	
200 Section 1. The University Senate shall be composed of representatives of administrators, administrative officers, faculty, and students, as follows:	Section 1. The <i>voting members of the</i> University Senate shall be composed of representatives of administrators, administrative officers, faculty, and students, as follows:
201 A. Faculty members who at the beginning of a given semester are under a full-time teaching contract are members for that semester. For purposes of these Bylaws, a full-time teaching contract is one which obliges the faculty member to assume a full teaching load in keeping with accepted departmental practice for a period of not less than an academic semester, or in lieu thereof, to undertake sabbatical duties with a view to continuing full-time teaching. Full-time librarians with faculty status shall be faculty members of Senate. The list of those meeting these qualifications shall be certified by the Vice President for Academic Affairs at the beginning of the spring semester. A supplemental list shall be certified at the beginning of the fall and winter semesters as needed.	A. <i>Sixty faculty members selected according to procedures developed by the Faculty Senate.</i>
202 B. Students enrolled at Otterbein University are eligible to serve in the University Senate and on its committees. The student representation shall consist of one student representative elected by the majors in each department, and an additional number to balance the number of faculty Senators certified by the Vice President for Academic Affairs at the beginning of the autumn semester. Upon taking office, student trustees shall also become members of University Senate for the duration of the term as trustee. The two student trustee positions shall be	B. <i>Sixty students, selected according to procedures developed by the Student Senate.</i>

<p>counted toward the total number of student senators. The balance of student senators shall be elected at-large from candidates who have indicated their interest in writing, at an election in the autumn semester before the first meeting of Senate. The candidacy forms shall be provided by the Elections Subcommittee of the Governance, Bylaws, and Communication Committee. Each student shall cast a ballot for a maximum of fifteen candidates, and the candidates shall be ranked according to the number of votes received, and in cases of ties, according to tie-breaking rules established by the Senate, until the number of vacancies shall be filled. If the eligible number of students is not elected, those interested in serving as at-large senators may submit their names for consideration to the Administration Council when it meets prior to the first Senate meeting of each semester. If approved at that time, students will serve the remainder of the year on Senate. The nominating procedures and other details connected with at-large student elections shall be governed by resolution of the University Senate.</p>	
<p>203 C. The administrative members of the University Senate shall consist of a number of administrators which is not fewer than thirty percent of the number of faculty members and not more than forty percent of the number of faculty members. The number of faculty members used to determine the number of student senator positions in a given school year shall also be the number used to determine the number of administrative senator positions for that same school year. The administrative members shall include the President of the University and each Vice President. All additional administrative members shall be designated by the President after</p>	<p>C. <i>Twenty-two members of Administrative Senate, selected according to procedures developed by the Administrative Senate.</i></p>

consultation with the Vice Presidents.	
204 D. The Otterbein University Support Staff Council shall appoint two staff representatives for terms of one year, subject to the tenure limits given in these Bylaws.	D. <i>Eight members of Staff Senate, selected according to procedures developed by the Administrative Senate.</i>
	E. <i>The President of the University, the Provost of the University and four additional senior administrators, selected by the President</i>
	F. <i>The chairs of the standing committees of University Senate.</i>
	<p>Section 2. <i>In addition, the President or Senate may appoint a number of key personnel to non-voting membership of the University Senate.</i></p> <p>OR</p> <p>Section 2. <i>In addition, there may be non-voting members of University Senate, selected in the following manner:</i></p> <p><i>A. The President, with the approval of Senate, may appoint a number of key personnel to non-voting membership of the University Senate.</i></p> <p><i>B. The Senate may appoint additional non-voting members, based upon nomination by a senator, and approval by a majority of all voting members of Senate.</i></p>
205 E. Membership in the University Senate shall extend from July 1 to June 30. Elections to the Senate will be held in the Fall and elections to committees and councils of the Senate shall be held during the spring semester.	Section 3. Membership and election schedule
206 Section 2. At any time immediately before or during a Senate year, a senator may resign her/his senate office for any reason for the remainder of the Senate year by submitting a written statement to that effect to the Senate president.	Section 4. Resignation, Removal, etc.