

Proposed Revisions to the *Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Manual*
 Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate
 University of South Carolina

Brief Title of Proposed Change	Updating descriptions of the System Faculty Leadership Council
Committee Proposing Revision	Executive Committee
Date of Presentation to Senate	February 9, 2024
Senate Approval Date	

Rationale for Proposed Revisions

- Update the purpose and membership of the System Faculty Leadership Council

Summary of Proposed Revisions

- Update the purpose and membership rules of the System Faculty Leadership Council to reflect recent changes made to their bylaws.

Section and page numbers of the current *Manual* for proposed revisions

Current	Proposed
System Faculty Leadership Council, Page 7 <u>Representation in Faculty Governance at the System Level</u> System Faculty Leadership Council (one three-year term elected by the Columbia Faculty Senate; two two-year terms elected in alternate years by the Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate, as well as the Palmetto College Senate chair, or designee)	System Faculty Leadership Council, Page 7 <u>Representation in Faculty Governance at the System Level</u> System Faculty Leadership Council The Palmetto College Faculty Senate chair serves on the System Faculty Leadership Council, along with three other representatives elected by the senate annually. Representatives should have leadership experience in faculty governance, such as time served on senate executive committee, chairing standing committees, or in local faculty organization leadership roles, etc.

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The University of South Carolina System Faculty Leadership Council provides a representative voice in system affairs and facilitates collaboration among the faculty organizations in the University of South Carolina system. With respect to functions the Board of Trustees delegates to university administration, the council has a consultative function: it represents the will of the system's faculties to such bodies as may be established to administer system affairs and serves as a means by which system administrators may communicate with faculty. The council coordinates faculty governance in those areas where the Board of Trustees delegates legislative powers to the faculties of individual campuses, including but not limited to standards of admission, granting of earned degrees, and curriculum. In no instance will the council usurp authority previously delegated to campus faculties by the Board of Trustees.

The Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate will provide three representatives to the University of South Carolina System Faculty Leadership Council. The USC Columbia Faculty Senate will elect one of these representatives in consultation with the Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate. This representative will serve a three-year nonrenewable term. The PCC Faculty Senate will elect its other two representatives. These representatives will serve two year renewable terms. The PCC Faculty Senate will elect any other representatives as required by the bylaws of the council. The chair of the Faculty Senate (or designee) will also serve on the council.

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The University of South Carolina System Faculty Leadership Council, hereby known as "The Council," serves as a representative body in system affairs and promotes collaboration and thought sharing among the faculty organizations within the University of South Carolina system. The Council serves in a consultative capacity regarding delegated functions by the Board of Trustees to the University administration. It represents the collective desires and perspectives of the system's faculties to any established bodies responsible for administering system affairs. Additionally, it serves as a channel through which system administrators can communicate with faculty.

The Council evaluates faculty governance in areas where the Board of Trustees grants decision-making authority to the system faculty. These areas include, but are not limited to, matters like admission standards, degree-granting, and curriculum development. In no instance will the Council usurp authority previously delegated to campus faculties by the Board of Trustees.

The USC Columbia Faculty Senate will elect three representatives to the University of South Carolina System Faculty Leadership Council and any other representatives as required by the bylaws of the Council. The chair of the USC Columbia Faculty Senate (or designee) will also serve on the Council.

Additional membership from system campuses are as follows: four representatives each from Aiken, Beaufort, Upstate, and Palmetto College, one of whom is the chair (or designee) of each system faculty senate.

The faculty senate/organization of USC Columbia, Aiken, Beaufort, Palmetto College and Upstate will select representatives and establish in writing a procedure for that selection. Selection criteria should favor faculty governance experience in such areas as curriculum approvals, faculty welfare, and policy development.