

**Proposed Revisions to the USC Columbia Faculty Manual
for Consideration by the General Faculty
at the 26 April 2016 General Faculty Meeting**

**Proposal from the USC Faculty Advisory Committee
University of South Carolina
April 6, 2016**

Rationale for Proposed Revisions

- Faculty members filling mid-term vacancies on faculty committees are currently prohibited from continued service on the same committee through either election or appointment
- Conflicting language concerning the calculation of nine months for the terms of employment for nine month appointments
- Proposal to create a new standing committee of the Faculty Senate on Information Technology
- Conform summer employment language to state law.

Summary of Proposed Revisions

- Permit faculty who fill an unexpired term to follow that service with a full term on the committee.
- Replace reference to the end of the nine-month term of appointment from “through commencement” to “May 15th.”
- Add two members to the Faculty Advisory Committee
- Add Faculty Senate Information Technology Committee
- Terms of employment for summer teaching modified to conform with state law.

**Chapter 1 – FACULTY ORGANIZATION
FACULTY COMMITTEES (pages 5-10)**

Current	Proposed
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This committee shall serve as liaison between the faculty and the Board of Trustees.

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<p>members elected by the faculty, there shall be one member appointed by the president to serve ex officio, one representative from the regional campuses, and two student members.</p> <p>COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES</p> <p>This committee shall consider and review matters concerning the status and funding of the libraries that are under the supervision of the dean of libraries.</p> <p>The committee shall consist of eleven members: seven elected from the faculty, including one member of the teaching faculty of the regional campuses elected by the Regional Campuses Faculty Senate; three presidential appointees; and the dean of libraries, ex officio. No college shall have more than two elected members, and no department shall have more than one elected member.</p>	<p>members elected by the faculty, there shall be one member appointed by the president to serve ex officio, one representative from the regional campuses, and two student members.</p> <p>COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES</p> <p>This committee shall consider and review matters concerning the status and funding of the libraries that are under the supervision of the dean of libraries.</p> <p>The committee shall consist of eleven members: seven elected from the faculty, including one member of the teaching faculty of the regional campuses elected by the Senate; three Regional Campuses Faculty presidential appointees; and the dean of libraries, ex officio. No college shall have more than two elected members, and no department shall have more than one elected member.</p>
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**Chapter 1 – FACULTY ORGANIZATION
FACULTY COMMITTEES (page 11)**

Current	Proposed
	<p><u>The Faculty Senate Information Technology Committee provides a faculty voice in assessing and planning Information Technology (IT) services, resources, and infrastructure for administration, instruction, and research at the University of South Carolina. The committee shall consist of eight members of the voting faculty; one graduate student representative; one undergraduate student representative; and no more than - five-six ex-officio representatives, typically one each from the University Technology Services (UTS), Research Cyberinfrastructure (RCI), the University Libraries, the Office of the Vice President for Research (VPR), the</u></p>

Office of the Provost, and the Office of the University Registrar. The composition of the committee shall reflect the need for expertise in the complex field of IT and general interest of the University faculty.

Specific charges to the committee are:

- 1) To survey periodically faculty, staff, and students regarding the efficacy of IT resources including general services, resources and infrastructure that support the missions of teaching, research, and service.
- 2) To assess the compatibility of available and planned IT services, resources, and infrastructure with the University's ambition as a locally, nationally, and internationally-regarded teaching and research institution.
- 3) To ensure that faculty have a meaningful role in future development of IT at the University of South Carolina by: maintaining and publishing a list of all standing committees related to IT.
- 4) To make recommendations to the Faculty Senate for changes in IT services, resources, and infrastructure based on the information, assessment, and analysis resulting from the committee's work in points 1-3 above.

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SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE (page 12)**

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<p>This committee shall serve as a nominating committee and as a planning body that studies issues confronting the university and recommends action to be taken by existing faculty committees, the faculty, and the administration. The committee is composed of the seven chairs of the following 13 committees: Admissions, Athletics Advisory, Curricula and Courses, Faculty Advisory, Faculty Budget, Faculty Welfare, and Scholastic Standards and Petitions, and of two faculty members appointed by the chair of the Faculty Senate. The provost shall serve ex officio.</p> <p>Ad hoc committees shall be created as needed, and the Faculty Senate chair shall consult with the Senate Steering Committee before appointing their members.</p>	<p>This committee shall serve as a nominating committee and as a planning body that studies issues confronting the university and recommends action to be taken by existing faculty committees, the faculty, and administration. The committee is composed of the <u>nine</u> chairs of the following committees: Admissions, Athletics Advisory, Curricula and Courses, Faculty Advisory, Faculty Budget, Faculty Welfare, Scholastic Standards and Petitions, <u>Information Technology, University Committee on Promotion and Tenure, and one</u> faculty member appointed by the Chair of the Faculty Senate. The <u>Provost and Parliamentarian</u> shall serve <u>as</u> ex officio <u>members</u>.</p> <p>Ad hoc committees shall be created as needed, and the Faculty Senate chair shall consult with the Senate Steering Committee before appointing their members.</p>

**Chapter 2 – REGULATIONS AND POLICIES
TERMS OF EMPLOYMENT (page 45)**

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<p>one-half that of the nine-month period.</p> <p>Faculty members may teach in a summer session for 15 percent of the salary received during the previous academic year, state funds permitting. Faculty members must advise the department chair or dean before December 1 of their summer school intentions and at that time may be assigned to teach in a summer session, as conditions warrant; but on the recommendation of the dean and the provost and with the approval of the president, faculty members may be assigned special duties for this period. Summer school teaching in the case of faculty hired after September 1, 1973, for employment beginning September 1974 or later, may depend on the availability of funds or the size of enrollment.</p> <p>For the fall and spring semesters, all faculty members shall be available from the fourth calendar day before the first day of classes through commencement.</p>	<p>one-half that of the nine-month period.</p> <p>Faculty members may teach in a summer session for 15 percent of the salary received during the previous academic year, state funds permitting. Faculty members must advise the department chair or dean before December 1 of their summer school intentions and at that time may be assigned to teach in a summer session, as conditions warrant; but on the recommendation of the dean and the provost and with the approval of the president, faculty members may be assigned special duties for this period. Summer school teaching in the case of faculty hired after September 1, 1973, for employment beginning September 1974 or later, may depend on the availability of funds or the size of enrollment.</p> <p><u>All</u> faculty members shall be available from the fourth calendar day before the first day of classes through <u>May 15th</u>.</p>
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Terms of Employment (page 45)

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