

STATEMENT OF THE FACULTY SENATE¹

The *Faculty Handbook* represents a distillation of the policies related to University governance and faculty rights. Many of the sections of this *Handbook* originated as actions by the Faculty Senate, Provost, President and/or Board of Trustees. All sections of this *Handbook* apply to all Full-time Faculty² unless otherwise specified.

To the extent that modification and revision of the *Handbook* do not constitute simple updating of factual materials, or changes to conform to applicable laws, we believe that collegiality requires continued consultation between the Faculty Senate, the Provost and the President in order to maintain the vitality of this document as the basis of University governance. While acknowledging the Board of Trustees has the ultimate fiduciary responsibility for the University, it is the position of the Faculty Senate that:

1. Substantive changes to this *Handbook*, for which procedures are not already mandated by the *Handbook* itself, require the approval of the Faculty Senate;
2. All stages of approval related to modifications of this *Handbook* shall be documented on the Faculty Senate website;
3. Digital archives of Faculty Senate business shall be maintained through Faculty Senate governance;
4. The *Handbook*, along with approved modifications and Senate meeting minutes, must be archived, and must be available in digital form to all faculty in a timely manner.

It is the position of the Faculty Senate that planning and implementation processes at all levels of University administration should reflect the fact that full-time faculty members carry special responsibilities with respect to creation and maintenance of high quality curricula, research programs, nurture of students in the educational process, and overall leadership of the institution.

¹ Amended by the Faculty Senate 25 February 1991. Original version approved by the Faculty Senate 13 June 1988. Reaffirmed 7 May 1990, with the additional resolution:

"BE IT RESOLVED

- That the administration shall consult with the Senate Agenda Committee on any proposed revisions in the *Faculty Handbook*;
- That the Agenda Committee shall review all such proposed revisions;
- That, unless the Agenda Committee unanimously agrees that the proposed revisions do not substantially alter existing policies, the Agenda committee shall present the revisions in question to the Senate for discussion and vote."

² The Full-time Faculty consists of two categories: Tenure-Track & Tenured Faculty and Non Tenure-track Faculty.

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