

## **Proposal 2**

As part of an overall strategy to reflect the changing landscape of the School of Liberal Arts, as well as to economize faculty participation in School of Liberal Arts committees, the ad-hoc Bylaws Review Committee recommends the following action item for consideration by the Faculty:

### ***Updates to name and charge of Resources and Planning Committee***

*Current situation:*

#### **Section 4.g. Resources and Planning Committee**

1. The Resources and Planning Committee shall serve as the primary deliberative body of the faculty in terms of academic planning and resource allocation, and shall assist the Dean in the assessment of funding requests and other matters of resource allocation from departments, programs, and faculty, thus contributing towards the establishment of academic priorities for the School. Every fifth year, in consultation with the Dean, the Committee shall review the most recent long-range plan of the School and develop a new plan if circumstances warrant.
2. The Committee shall be composed of eight members:
  - a. five faculty,
  - b. a designated Agenda Council representative,
  - c. a non-voting School administrative officer designated by the Dean, and
  - d. a student.

*Proposal:*

The title and description of this Committee will be updated to reflect its role in budgetary advising. The membership of this Committee will be reconstituted to include two elected members and two appointed members.

Additionally, the student member will be removed from the Committee.

#### **Section 4.g. Budget and Resource Planning Committee**

1. The Budget and Resource Planning Committee shall serve as the primary deliberative body of the faculty in terms of academic planning, resource allocation, and budgetary advising. The committee shall assist the Dean in the assessment of funding requests and other matters of resource allocation from departments, programs, and faculty, thus contributing towards the establishment of academic and financial priorities for the School. Every fifth year, in consultation with the Dean, the Committee shall review the most recent long-range plan of the School and develop a new plan if circumstances warrant.
2. The Committee shall be composed of six members:
  - a. two appointed faculty members,
  - b. two elected faculty members
  - c. a designated Agenda Council representative, and
  - d. a non-voting School financial officer designated by the Dean.
  - e. ~~a student.~~

*Rationale:*

The proposed changes to the name and description of the Committee reflect work that this Committee has already been doing. The inclusion of elected members would reinforce the role of the faculty as a significant voice that contributes to the Dean's deliberations on financial choices for the School. The proposed changes to the Committee's blended membership with both appointed and elected faculty retain the Dean's interest in selecting members while also offering the Faculty Assembly a voice in the Committee's makeup. With regard to a student member, it does not seem appropriate to include a student member in budgetary discussions due to the need for a long-term vision for School financial viability, as well as sensitive information that faculty and the Dean must protect.

*Known and expected benefits:*

Updating the Committee name and description clarifies the Committee's role in providing budgetary advising to the Dean. Redefining committee membership reinforces and enhances the productive exchange between the concerns of the Dean's office and the Faculty.