Faculty Governance Provides an Important Voice for the Faculty in the Affairs of the University
Faculty Senate is Based on Elected Representation

- **Senate Chair**

- **Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs** (SACUA, 9 members)

- **Senate Assembly** (74 members)

- **University Senate**: Faculty, Librarians, Research Profs (~3000 members)

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Where do our guiding rules come from?

1. **Regents’ Bylaws** – outlining the broad principles
   - Change requires Regental approval

2. **Standard Practice Guide (SPGs)** - more detailed, operational guidelines

3. **College and Department rules and policies**

   Lower level rules and policies must be consistent and not conflict with Regents’ Bylaws
Advisory Role of Faculty Governance

• SACUA appoints University Committees to oversee and advise on a wide range of issues that affect the interests of the Faculty

• Committees provide and an important mechanism to bring Faculty concerns to the upper University administration

• The President and each Vice President has an advisory committee
  • There are a lot of VPs
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### Additional Committees Reporting to SA

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What do committees do?

Normal committee stuff:

• Committee charges are posted on the SA website (and must be approved by SA)

• Regular meetings during the academic year
  • A minimum of twice a semester; some meet every month

• Circulate agendas in advance

• Keep minutes → send to Robyn

• Draft a year-end report → send to Robyn
How can committees influence decision making?

- Communicate with your constituents to make sure that issues are brought before your committee
- Communicate issues and ideas to SACUA and/or SA to spread the word among faculty
  - What happens to the reports?
- Keep and submit minutes and year-end reports so that the next committee knows where to pick up
Additional SACUA Responsibilities

• Oversight of University Ombuds

• Oversight of Faculty Grievances

• Planning and hosting the Academic Freedom Lecture
  • Nov 28, 4:00. Dr. Gene Nichol, UNC Chapel Hill

• Monitoring changes to the Standard Practice Guide affecting faculty rights and responsibilities
Faculty Senate Office serves as our institutional memory

• Tom Schneider, Director of the Faculty Senate Office

• Robyn Snyder, Faculty Governance Coordinator
What is the role of Senate Assembly?

• We are an important link in the chain of governance

• Section 4 of Regents’ Bylaws say SA should represent the interests and concerns of faculty throughout the UM system

• Please let your colleagues know that you are their SA member and encourage them to share faculty concerns

• Be an ambassador for the importance of faculty governance

• When issues come to you, pass along to relevant groups
What will we do in Senate Assembly meetings?

• Normal meeting stuff:
  • Reporting and information sharing
  • Visits from representatives of university units
  • Regents’ Candidate Forum, Oct 15, Great Lakes Room

• New this year – we will be meeting in the League, with interaction

• Who would you like to invite to SA meetings? Do you have ideas for topics you’d like to discuss here?
SA Etiquette

• Plan to attend all SA meetings
  • Agendas will be sent out the week before

• If you cannot attend, arrange for an alternate to come in your place
  • Let Robyn know you cannot come, and who will be coming in your place
Thanks for serving on Senate Assembly