

Resolution Concerning the Availability of Department and College Governance Documents

Passed Unanimously by
Faculty Senate College and Departmental Document Review Committee
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Passed Unanimously by
Faculty Senate Governance Council
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Background:

A committee to review department and college governance documents in order to assure their consistency with the Faculty Handbook and relevant policies such as promotion and tenure procedures has been set up by the Faculty Senate. While many of these documents are readily available to the university community others are treated as confidential. For this reason the resolution below proposes to make up-to-date links to these documents available at all times. In addition to assisting in the work of this Faculty Senate committee, it is also the case that openness about such documents and policies can serve as a recruiting tool for departments and colleges looking for high quality candidates as the openness and clarity of procedures and processes may be seen as an asset to prospective candidates.

Therefore, the Faculty Senate College and Departmental Document Review Committee Resolves that the Faculty Handbook be revised to include the following policy changes:

2.6.2. College Governance Documents

The governance document of each college describes its mission, governance domains, governance structure, and other policies and procedures. *This up-to-date document shall be publically available through a link to a document web site provided to the Office of the Provost and the Faculty Senate.* College governance documents are reviewed by the Faculty Senate Committee on Governance Structure and Documents.

2.6.3. Department Governance Documents

The governance document of each department includes information specific to the department that parallels the type of information in the college document. *This up-to-date document shall be publically available through a link to a document web site provided to the Office of the Provost and the Faculty Senate.*

The budget of each academic department is to be made available for inspection by the faculty of that department. It should include the department's budgetary resources and expenditures by categories, as well as funds received and expended in the preceding year and projected for the current year. The faculty of each department will decide the manner and detail in which the budgets of academic departments are prepared for disclosure and distribution. Approved by the Faculty Senate on 2/10/98.