Oregen State University
Bylaws
Of the Faculty Senate

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### ARTICLE III: AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

Sec. 1. The Faculty Senate shall be representative of the entire Faculty of Oregon State University and shall have both the authority and responsibility to act for and on behalf of the Faculty in all matters encompassed within the stated Objects of the Faculty Senate. The Faculty is defined as members of the Unclassified Academic Staff who: (1) are Professional Faculty, or (2) hold one of these academic ranks: Instructor, Senior Instructor I, Senior Instructor II, Faculty Research Assistant, Senior Faculty Research Assistant I, Senior Faculty Research Assistant II, Research Associate, Senior Research, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, *Professor of Practice, *Senior Instructor II, or *Senior Faculty Research Assistant II Clinical Professor (as defined in Section 580-20-005 of the OSSHE Oregon Administrative Rules) and (3) do not hold an Executive 3, 2 or 1 position (effectively meaning administrative appointments at the level of dean and above). Faculty in administrative or support units with joint appointments in academic units shall be included in their academic unit for the purposes of apportionment. (*These three ranks are proposed additions to be considered when the Bylaws are next revised.)

### ARTICLE V: MEMBER NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Sec. 1. Apportionment. The elected members of the Faculty Senate, exclusive of the Senate President and Senate President-Elect, shall be apportioned in the following manner:

(paragraph 5) If an apportionment group is eliminated due to merger or abolishment of a campus unit, the terms of office of the group’s Senators would cease at the end of the current apportionment calendar year.

### ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS

Sec. 2. Duties. The duties of the various officers shall be specified in these Bylaws and in the parliamentary authority adopted by the Faculty Senate. The primary duties of the officers shall be as follows:

Senate President: Shall be the elected representative of the University Faculty in matters pertaining to the Faculty and Faculty Senate. Shall be the senior officer and spokesperson for adopted policy of the Faculty Senate and Faculty. Shall preside at meetings of the Faculty Senate and its Executive Committee. Shall represent the Senate and Faculty in discussions with the Oregon State University administration. Shall represent the Senate and Faculty in discussions with the Chancellor, the State Board of Higher Education, OSU Board of Trustees, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC), the State Legislature, the media, and other organized groups outside the University. Shall determine agenda for meetings of the Executive Committee, and shall consult with the Executive Committee in establishing agenda for meetings of the Faculty Senate. Shall administer the office of the Faculty Senate and oversee retention of the records of the Senate.

### ARTICLE VII: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Sec. 1. Membership: The Executive Committee shall consist of the Senate President, the Senate President-Elect, the Immediate Past Senate President, the senior IFS Senator, and the Provost and Executive Vice President, or that person's designee, as Ex-Officio members; and six others elected who are now or have been Senators from the membership of the
OSU Faculty Senate. The elected Executive Committee members shall retain their Faculty Senate seats for the remainder of their Senate terms.

ARTICLE VIII: INTERINSTITUTIONAL FACULTY SENATE
Sec. 1. The Interinstitutional Faculty Senate (IFS) serves as a voice of the eight university faculties of the Oregon University System (OUS) institutions to the HECC in matters of system-wide concern, considers state-wide policies and makes recommendations thereon, and endeavors to strengthen the participation of faculties in the governance of the various OUS HECC institutions. IFS is composed of faculty representatives from each of the OUS campuses. OSU is represented by three (3) Senators. The elected IFS Senators shall retain their Faculty Senate seats for the remainder of their Senate terms.

Sec. 5. Vacancies. The position of IFS Senator shall become vacant by: (1) Resignation, on the effective date specified in a letter of resignation to the Senate President; (2) Leave of Absence, on the effective date of a leave from the campus in excess of one academic term, exclusive of Summer term; (3) Termination or Retirement on the effective date; or (4) Recall or Rescind, according to procedures identified in Article VI, Sec. 4; or (5) Non-participation due to non-attendance of meetings, at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Vacancies in elected positions shall be filled for the period to complete the term at the discretion of the Executive Committee by the candidate who, in descending order, received the next highest number of votes in the most recent election. However, if a vacancy results in an uncompleted term of less than one calendar year, the Executive Committee shall have the authority to appoint a faculty member of their choice to fulfill that term.

ARTICLE XI: MOTIONS AND VOTING
Sec. 1. Motions. Main motions, introducing new business to the Faculty Senate, shall be limited to: (a) those specifically stated in the mailing (Sec. 2 Article XV) for the meeting; (b) those providing for the disposition of a report included in the mailing, or (c) those distributed to the members, in written form, at a previous meeting.

Other main motions shall be in order, but upon the request of a member and passed by a 25% vote of the members present, any other votes pertaining to the motion shall be postponed. Such a request for postponement shall not be in order when another has the floor, must be made at the meeting in which the Motion is introduced, shall have a rank of precedence immediately above the motion to lay on the table, shall not be debatable, shall not be renewable, shall not be subject to reconsideration, shall die if not acted upon at the meeting during which it is made, and may be amended only with regard to items (a) or (b) below. Discussion of the main motion upon which voting has been postponed may continue, and when not brought to a close by the adjournment of the meeting, may be closed by a call for the Orders of the Day. Such a postponed motion shall automatically become an agenda item for the next regular meeting, unless it (a) is made the Order of the Day for an adjourned meeting to be held at least twenty-four (24) hours later, or (b) is made the question for a mail vote or an electronic vote, with an interval of three (3) days allowed for the return of ballots.

Sec. 2. Quorum. For purposes of transacting business, those members of the Faculty Senate present in person or remote shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 3 Voting will be counted by a means defined by the Executive Committee. Remote vote counting procedures shall be verified by the Executive Committee on an annual basis.

Sec. 4 Approval. Actions taken by the Faculty Senate are subject to approval by the President of the University, as provided in the OSBHE Administrative Rule 12.120.

Sec. 5 Appeal. University Presidential disapproval or modification of Faculty Senate
actions may be appealed to the Chancellor OSU Board of Trustees, as provided under the OSBHE Administrative Rule 12.120. An appeal may be initiated by a majority vote at a regularly scheduled or special meeting of the Faculty Senate.