TAMUCC Faculty Senate Constitution

PART I. FUNCTIONS

The Faculty Senate as an advising and recommending body shall report to the President of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi or the President’s designee. No Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi officer or body shall exercise control over the Senate’s recommendations. Upon adoption of this constitution, the Faculty Senate it creates becomes the faculty’s only representative body for University-wide participation in the governance of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi.

A. Policy

The establishment of new policies, changes in existing policies, and the interpretation of existing policies dealing with the following matters must be reviewed by the Faculty Senate. The Senate will submit its recommendation to the President in making final decisions. The Senate may initiate recommendations in any of the following areas:

1. Educational policy and planning of academic programs, curriculum, and instruction.

2. Academic standards, including policies on admissions, awarding of grades, retention of students, and graduation requirements.

3. University scholarships, honors, awards, and other forms of student distinction.

4. Faculty policies and their implementation, including but not limited to appointments, reappointments, academic freedom, evaluation, promotion, tenure, faculty workloads, and faculty development.

5. Faculty compensation policies and their implementation, including but not limited to salaries, fringe benefits, and the awarding of merit increases.

6. The role of research and policies for allocating undesignated research funds in the University.

7. Academic support services, including but not limited to the Library, computing, teaching and research equipment and facilities.

8. The appointment and evaluation of academic administrators.

9. The establishment, reorganization, downgrading, and/or discontinuation of organizational units and areas of instruction and research.

10. The review of administrative decisions concerning any of the above matters.
B. Advisory

The Senate may give advice on the following:

1. The academic calendar.

2. Planning and operation of physical facilities.

3. Establishment of budgeting priorities.

4. Appointment and evaluation of non-academic administrators.

5. Student affairs.

6. Athletic programs as they affect academic programs and Student performance.

7. Other matters pertaining to the general welfare of the University.

C. Forum

The Faculty Senate shall be a forum for discussion and debate of any issue vital to Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. It will invite faculty opinions, discuss relevant issues with appropriate persons, and transmit information and recommendations to the President.

D. Reporting

1. The Faculty Senate shall publish the minutes of its meetings and shall present a report annually to the faculty.

2. The Speaker will report recommendations to the President and will report subsequent actions to the Senate.