





My Report

Last Modified: 01/19/2014

1. Regarding the draft constitution distributed in December 2013:

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	I would like to make broader changes (survey will prompt for suggestions)		0	0%
2	I would like to comment on an itemized list of changes (survey will prompt for alternative suggestions)		5	19%
3	I would like to move forward with the changes in the draft		19	70%
4	I would like to make no changes to the current constitution		2	7%
5	Other action (survey will prompt for another course of action)		1	4%
	Total		27	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	2
Max Value	5
Mean	2.96
Variance	0.42
Standard Deviation	0.65
Total Responses	27

2. Please suggest another course of action



Text Response
Abdicate to the will of the people.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

3. Please describe broader changes you would like to propose

Text Response	
Statistic	Value
Total Responses	0

4. Reduce the size of the senate to 10:1 representation and 4 at-large for a total of 26 senators



#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Approve		4	80%
2	Disapprove		1	20%
	Total		5	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.20
Variance	0.20
Standard Deviation	0.45
Total Responses	5

5. Alternatives to consider

Text Response	
<p>It's unclear how the allocation of senators to divisions will be made and how that differs in the proposal from the current constitution. What if a division has 15 faculty members? Do they have one or two senators? Or do they share one with another division? While I'm in favor of increasing the ration for a smaller senate, it does seem that some divisions could have unfair/minimized representation. Has this been discussed and has a fair policy been established? Can senators represent multiple divisions?</p> <p>Senate should remain the same size or be expanded rather than shrunk. All this proposal does is weaken the senate's representative nature and thus weakens the senate vis-a-vis the administration.</p>	
Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

6. Increase the executive committee to four members: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Recording Secretary.

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1	Approve		4	80%
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	Total		5	

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Variance	0.20
Standard Deviation	0.45
Total Responses	5

7. Alternatives to consider

Text Response

It is not clear that there is need for an additional layer of senate bureaucracy. One problem with this proposal is that if the Senate is reduced in size, a four person executive committee would represent 15% of the senate. This might be too much power for so small a group.

Statistic

Value

Total Responses

1

8. Add the language: The Recording Secretary will coordinate communications for the Senate, namely: a) oversee publication and distribution of minutes and reports; b) maintain records; c) oversee the preparation and publication of the senate calendar as outlined in the constitution.



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1	Approve		5	100%
2	Disapprove		0	0%
	Total		5	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	1
Mean	1.00
Variance	0.00
Standard Deviation	0.00
Total Responses	5

9. Alternatives to consider

Text Response	
No problem though the existing structure can and does do this as well.	
Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

10. Add the language: The Vice President for University Matters (UM) will act as Senate Parliamentarian and serve as the liaison between the Executive Committee and the UM Standing Committees. The UM Standing Committees include the following: University Life, Diversity, Faculty Development, and Steering.

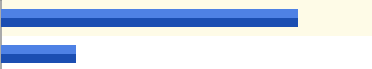
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	Total		5	

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Max Value	2
Mean	1.20
Variance	0.20
Standard Deviation	0.45
Total Responses	5

11. Alternatives to consider

Text Response	
<p>This is fine, but what about the general education committee? Shouldn't that be one of the standing committees? When it was originally approved by the Senate there was discussion of making it a permanent standing committee. Now would be the time to add that to the constitution.</p>	
<p>Not clear that it is needed particularly if the senate is reduced in size.</p>	
<p>This new division of labor between two VPs makes a great deal of sense and gives the committees a point of "authoritative" contact should there be issues that require guidance.</p>	
Statistic	Value
Total Responses	3

12. Add the language: The Vice President for Academic Affairs (AA) will serve as the liaison between the Executive Committee and the AA Standing Committees. The AA Standing Committees include the following: Admissions and Enrollment, Academic Standards and Policies, and Curriculum.

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	Total		5	



Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.20
Variance	0.20
Standard Deviation	0.45
Total Responses	5

13. Alternatives to consider

Text Response
Add General Education committee to this list
Not clear that it is needed especially if the senate is reduced in size.
Again, a good division of labor.

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	3

14. Addition of the language: The Executive Committee shall meet as required, but at least once each month from September through May, except January. In addition to such other duties as provided herein, the Executive Committee may take such actions as is necessary to be taken before a meeting of the Senate. It shall report such actions to the Senate within three workdays of such action. The Executive Committee shall not take such actions unless in its judgment the actions cannot feasibly wait until a Senate meeting.

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2	Disapprove		1	20%
	Total		5	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.20
Variance	0.20
Standard Deviation	0.45
Total Responses	5

15. Alternatives to consider

Text Response	
This should always have been the case.	
Just a little editing to the second sentence In addition to such other duties as provided herein, the Executive Committee may take such actions that require attention before the next regular meeting of the Senate.	
Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

16. Add the language: The President shall also communicate with the Chair of the RWU Board of Trustees, such communication to be as needed and as instructed by the Senate or by its Executive Committee.

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1	Approve		5	100%
2	Disapprove		0	0%
	Total		5	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	1
Mean	1.00
Variance	0.00
Standard Deviation	0.00
Total Responses	5

17. Alternatives to consider

Text Response	
I assume this means the President of the Senate.	

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

18. Provision for executive session: Meetings of the Faculty Senate shall be open to all members of the University community, except (1) that at the discretion of the president, an executive session may be placed on the agenda at the request to the president from any senator, such sessions normally to be held at the end of a regular meeting; or (2) when a two-thirds vote of those senators in attendance call the Senate into Executive Session.



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2	Disapprove		0	0%
	Total		5	

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Min Value	1
Max Value	1
Mean	1.00
Variance	0.00
Standard Deviation	0.00
Total Responses	5

19. Alternatives to consider

Text Response	
While I approve of this provision since I see it as an improvement over the current policy, I do NOT approve of the University President and Provost presence for the entirety of the Senate meetings. I do not understand why the Senate meetings at a private institution should be "open to the public" and therefore must be open to the administration. Administrators should be allowed to speak at the beginning of the meeting, be addressed by senators, and then leave. Further, administrators should make it known what items they will be discussing. It is unfair to the faculty to allow administrators to address, and seemingly attempt to squash, motions from senators before they have even been addressed in the meeting.	
Statistic	Value
Total Responses	1

20. Permit a maximum of two absences in an academic year before a senate seat is declared vacant

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Approve		3	60%
2	Disapprove		2	40%
	Total		5	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.40
Variance	0.30
Standard Deviation	0.55
Total Responses	5

21. Alternatives to consider

Text Response
There should be a provision for sabbatical leave that is not included in this proposal.
3 absences
Approve, BUT with the proviso that only one absence is allowed per semester. Or simply change the language to the "once a semester" criterion. With the reduced number of senators, faculty reps need to be present and engaged or they should b replaced!

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	3

22. Change the description of the Steering Committee to: This is an advisory committee made up of experienced senators to provide guidance to the Senate on matters of policy and long-term objectives.

#	Answer	Bar	Response	%
1	Approve		2	40%
2	Disapprove		3	60%
	Total		5	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.60
Variance	0.30
Standard Deviation	0.55
Total Responses	5

23. Alternatives to consider

Text Response	
Why should it be experienced senators? People without such experience (however it is defined--it is not in the language here so it is not operationalized and cannot be implemented) could also have valuable perspectives and may want to serve on this committee. I am opposed to any such measures that de facto create a hierarchy of faculty.	
Fine but what is meant by "experienced" senators?	
What does experienced mean?	
Statistic	Value
Total Responses	3

24. Remove the language requiring that the senate physically convene a full faculty caucus each semester.

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1	Approve		2	40%
2	Disapprove		3	60%
	Total		5	

Statistic	Value
Min Value	1
Max Value	2
Mean	1.60
Variance	0.30
Standard Deviation	0.55
Total Responses	5

25. Alternatives to consider

Text Response
<p>The language should indicate a full faculty conference each year--this can be the meeting on the fall faculty conference day.</p> <p>The requirement should remain. Difficulty in doing something does not mean that it should not mean that it should be changed. The problem, as I see it, is that the senate does not do a good enough job in publicizing the caucus and does not provide a clear agenda for the same with a detailed provision of how long each component will be. If people knew that there time would not be wasted (as it was at the past fall faculty caucus), there might be better attendance.</p>

Statistic	Value
Total Responses	2

26. Other incidental language changes, please specify article and section

Text Response	
Statistic	Value
Total Responses	0