

**FACULTY SENATE
BU-PP 711**

I. Membership and Organization

The Faculty Senate is composed of faculty members of the several schools and libraries, the colleges, and the seminary. The membership shall consist of thirty-four members (or thirty-five, if the Past Chair is serving as a Senator-at-Large) elected to staggered three-year terms by the respective faculties, apportioned among the various faculties as follows, with no more than two faculty members from a single department.

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| College of Arts and Sciences | 17 |
| School of Business | 5 |
| School of Education | 3 |
| School of Music | 2 |
| School of Engineering/Computer Science | 1 |
| Honors College | 1 |
| School of Law | 1 |
| Libraries | 1 |
| School of Nursing | 1 |
| Truett Seminary | 1 |
| School of Social Work | 1 |

II. Jurisdiction of Faculty Senate

1. The Faculty Senate shall have the power to seek the views of individual faculty members on matters affecting Baylor University and it shall provide a forum for the full and free discussion of such matters. It shall attempt to arrive at and clearly express collective faculty judgments on such matters, as and where appropriate, to ensure effective faculty participation and to influence policy, particularly with respect to academic governance matters.
2. The Senate shall have the power to review and evaluate the educational policies and practices of the University and may make recommendations concerning them to any individual, faculty, or other group within the University. It may provide for appropriate faculty discussion of any educational policy or practice. It may advise and consult with the chief administrative officers and inform them of faculty opinions about such matters. It shall facilitate and encourage communication within the University, among the academic units, and reciprocally among faculty, students, and administration.
3. The Senate shall review and act on matters referred to it by the University President, the Provost, or the academic units. Further, any faculty member may bring before the Faculty Senate in an appropriate manner any matter of concern, including individual grievances. The Senate shall have the power to establish guidelines and procedures for dealing with such submissions and grievances.
4. The Senate shall select the University Committee on Committees from faculty members both within and without the Faculty Senate, make recommendations to and advise with the University President regarding appointments to the various University committees.
5. The Senate shall develop and maintain a working relationship with the various committees of the University.
6. The Faculty Senate will meet from time to time with the University President, the Provost, and other appropriate officers to develop guidelines for the exercise of its stated functions or to develop procedures for identifying and establishing additional functions.
7. The Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws can be found at the [Faculty Senate web page](#).

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