

Draft Resolutions

Creation of a Senate Standing Research Committee

Whereas, the University's role in research has grown enormously in the last few decades and the University Senate has found that the absence of a research committee impedes its deliberations on recommendations to the University Administration about research issues; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Faculty Assembly approves of the creation of a Senate Standing Research Committee, effective May 20, 2015. The Senate Research Committee shall focus its activities on research policies and procedures, research operations, research regulation and compliance, and the management of intellectual property for funded and unfunded research within the University of Pittsburgh.

Merging Admissions/Student Aid and Student Affairs

Whereas, the Senate Standing Committee on Admissions and Student Aid and the Senate Standing Committee on Student Affairs address student related topics; therefore be it

Resolved, that Faculty Assembly approves the merger of the current Admissions and Student Aid and Student Affairs Committees into the Student Admissions, Aid and Affairs Committee to take effect May 20, 2015; and be it further

Resolved, that all elected faculty members of the existing committees shall serve on the new committee until their terms expire and a quorum shall be the smallest number of voting members that exceeds one-third of the number of elected faculty members of the new committee at that time. Further, elections to the committee shall not take place until the number of existing members will fall below nine for a given election cycle.

Dissolution of the University Press Committee

Whereas, the University Press committee voted 6 yes to 3 no that it should become a Provost-office appointed committee, believing that the business of advising the Press can be carried out more efficiently and without the strict constraints or requirements of being part of the Senate; and

Whereas, this new committee would be better able to directly advise the Press on its regular conduct of business, review of series, and individual projects, etc., which the current structure completes, are critical to the operation of the Press, therefore be it

Resolved, the University Press Committee as it currently stands be dissolved and reconstituted as a Provost-office appointed committee, effective May 20, 2015.