

## Excerpts from the New York University Bylaws

### Bylaw 34. Functions of the Senate

- a. The Senate shall be the deliberative body for the discussion of University-wide policies and proposed changes in University practices and structure. In particular, the Senate shall be concerned with the academic program and structure, personnel and budgetary policies, development of facilities, and community, professional, and educational relations of the University. It shall make recommendations to the President and, through the President, to the Board in reference to the policies and practices of the University.
- b. The Senate shall receive and review regularly the reports and recommendations of University-wide commissions and, from time to time, those of other interschool committees or commissions that may refer to matters within the jurisdiction of the Senate.
- c. The Senate shall have power to act upon educational matters and regulations of the academic community that affect more than one school. Action by the Senate in these matters shall be binding upon all faculties, but any faculty shall have the right of appeal to the Board, which may overrule the Senate action.
- d. The Senate shall fix the length of terms and vacations and define the University calendar. It shall determine the time, place, and manner of the Commencement Exercises and of other public occasions affecting more than one school of the University, and shall adopt regulations regarding academic costumes therefore.
- e. The Senate may make recommendations for the consideration of each of the faculties in reference to their educational programs and policies. It shall make recommendations to the administration of the University in regard to catalogues, bulletins, and other announcements of the University, and shall define the meaning of educational terms used in these University publications.
- f. The Senate shall exercise such other legislative or advisory functions in connection with the educational work of the University as may be assigned to it by the Board.

#### Bylaw 41. The Faculty Senators Council

a. For the one-year period June 1, 2005 - May 31, 2006, the Faculty Senators Council shall consist of not more than thirty-five members. These shall be thirty-two professorial representatives elected by the voting members of the several faculties of the University in the manner prescribed by the rules adopted by the Council for its own governance and consistent with these bylaws, and not more than three additional professorial representatives appointed at large for three-year terms by the Executive Committee of the Senate with the advice and consent of the elected professorial members of the Faculty Senators Council. A Faculty Senators Council Senator whose term has expired shall be eligible for reelection. For purposes of the election of professorial representatives, any professor who is a member of more than one faculty shall be assigned by the President to one faculty only, and any professor, otherwise eligible to vote, who is not formally attached to a faculty shall be assigned by the President to one of the faculties of the University. Any professor who holds an administrative office and whose administrative responsibilities encompass a school, the Division of the Libraries, or the University shall not be eligible for election to the Faculty Senators Council. Final determination of eligibility for membership rests with the extant Faculty Senators Council. All elections for members of the Faculty Senators Council shall be held prior to May 1, and the name of each representative to the Senate shall be transmitted to the Secretary of the Senate within five days. During the one-year period June 1, 2005 - May 31, 2006, the thirty-two elected professorial representatives shall be selected as follows: six from the School of Medicine and twenty-six apportioned among the schools by the method of equal proportions with the proviso that each school shall be entitled to at least one elected faculty Senator. Each year, the University Secretary shall provide to the Faculty Senators Council and the secretary to the faculty of each school the number of faculty members assigned to each school for the purpose of Senate elections and shall at the same time indicate the number of Senators to which each school is entitled.

b. The Faculty Senators Council shall elect its own chairperson and such other officers as it may determine. It shall meet at least twice a year at the call and under the chairpersonship of the President or of the Chancellor of the University and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, and as many other times under its own chairperson as it may choose. It may meet from time to time with the Executive Committee of the Board.

c. The Faculty Senators Council may consider any matters of educational and administrative policy and shall function as the Faculty Personnel Committee of the Senate. It shall designate representatives on the other standing committees, and in appropriate instances on the ad hoc committees, of the Senate. It may bring to the attention of the various committees of the Senate any matters that it believes should be presented to the entire Senate. It may bring to the attention of the President any matters that it wishes to discuss with him or her. It shall perform such other educational functions as are assigned to it by the President or by the Board.

d. The Faculty Senators Council shall adopt for its governance rules of procedure not inconsistent with the University charter and bylaws.

#### Bylaw 56. Experimental Degree Program

The President, on the recommendation of the Senate, and subject to approval by the Board of Trustees, is authorized to create temporary inter-school degree-granting units, to which officers of instruction and administration may be assigned for the purpose of conducting such experimental programs as may not readily fit into the customary work of the integral colleges and schools of the University. The officers of instruction and administration so assigned shall function as the faculty of such temporary units with the same powers as the faculties of the integral colleges and schools of the University. Experimental degree programs shall be authorized for initial operating periods not to exceed two years and may be extended for like terms by specific action of the President; in the absence of such action they shall automatically terminate two years after the beginning of their operation, or, if extended, two years after the effective date of any such extension. Such programs may be discontinued at any time by Board action upon recommendation of the President.