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Article I. Definitions and Principles [1]

A. Definitions

1. General Faculty. The general faculty consists of persons who have titles defined in APS 5060, Appendix A.
2. Faculty Government.

   The faculty government exists and derives its powers from the authority delegated to it by the Board of Regents. These powers and duties must be exercised in accordance with the Laws of the Regents [2], Regent policies [3] and the laws, regulations and constitutions of the State of Colorado and of the United States.

   As provided in the [4]Laws of the Regents [2], [4] the faculty shall formulate faculty governance to affect the principles established under Article I.B. The faculty government bodies are the Faculty Senate and its committee(s), the Faculty Council and its committees, the campus faculty senates, the campus faculty assemblies and their committees and the faculties of the colleges and schools of the university. Colleges or schools, as provided in the Laws of the Regents, may be further divided into departments or divisions.
   a. The Faculty Senate consists of all members of the general faculty as defined in APS 5060 Appendix A.A and B.1.a, B.1.b, B.2.a, B.3.a, B.3.b, D.1 of the University of Colorado (hereinafter referred to as "the University") whose appointments at that title are fifty- percent or more. Visiting professors are not members of the Faculty Senate. The designated representative from the Retired Faculty Association to the Faculty Council shall be a member of the Faculty Senate during their tenure as representative.

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- The Faculty Council

  is the representative governing body of the Faculty Senate and consists of senate members elected or appointed as provided in Article III. The standing committees of the Faculty Council are those defined in Article III. From time to time, the Faculty Council may establish such other special committees as it may deem appropriate.

  - The campus faculty senates

  other members of the general faculty of the university may be made members of that campus Faculty Senate by its faculty constitution. These additional faculty

members of the campus faculty senate are not members of the Faculty Senate.

- The campus faculty assemblies

are the representative governing bodies of the campus faculty senates and consist of members of that senate elected or appointed as may be provided in the faculty constitution of the campus in question. Committees of faculty assemblies shall be established as provided in the relevant campus constitution eligible Faculty Council roles.

- The faculties of the colleges and schools

are those established in the Laws of the Regents Article 4 and Regent Policy 4 and as further defined by shared governance principles of participation of the college or school.

- Senate Year

The senate year shall be from July 1 to June 30, inclusive. The terms of all elected members of the Faculty Council, of faculty members of Senate and Council committees and of campus faculty assemblies shall conform to the senate year. Election of new members of the Faculty Council and of standing committees of the Faculty Council shall take place in the spring semester.

B. Principles of Participation.

It is a guiding principle of the shared governance recognized by the Board of Regents in Article 5.A.1 and Policy 5.A.1 that the faculty and the administration shall collaborate in major decisions affecting the academic welfare of the university. The nature of that collaboration shared as appropriate with students and staff, varies according to the nature of the decisions in question. The faculty has principal responsibility for decisions concerning selection and evaluation of faculty, pedagogy, curriculum, research, scholarly and creative works, academic ethics and origination of academic policy and standards. The faculty shall collaborate with the administration in the development of general academic policies. The administration takes the lead in matters of internal operations and external relations of the university. In every case, the faculty and the administration participate in the governance and operation of the university as provided by and in accordance with the laws and policies of the Board of Regents, and the laws and regulations of the State of Colorado.

As the most durable and stable of the constituencies immediately involved with the academic operation of the institution, the faculty has direct responsibility for academic freedom.

The chair or other designated representative of the Faculty Council shall be the spokesperson for the faculty when addressing the Board of Regents on matters of importance to shared governance.

C. Faculty Governance Service

Faculty governance work shall be included for consideration in annual merit evaluations and in other evaluation processes (in particular reappointment and promotion). Differential workloads may be negotiated by the faculty member and the chair of the appropriate academic unit when faculty governance roles exceed the time normally expected by the university service mission. The chair of the appropriate governance unit shall be consulted in determining whether the time and effort normally expected by the university service mission will be exceeded. Appropriate compensation, within the limits of system and campus policies, shall be negotiated for the service of officers and committee chairs in the ongoing business of faculty governance.

D. Procedures

Procedures for all faculty governance bodies of the university shall be as specified herein or in the appropriate bylaws or, if not so provided, according to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

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