

***CONSTITUTION OF THE FACULTY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA***

Throughout the Constitution references to “Constitution” or “Faculty Senate” or “Faculty Senator” or “Senate Executive Committee” refer to “University of South Florida Faculty Constitution,”

B. Meetings

The general faculty of the University of South Florida shall meet at least annually in the fall semester of each academic year. At this annual meeting, the Provost shall present a general message to the faculty on the state of the University of South Florida. The general faculty may meet at other times upon the call of the President of the Faculty Senate.

ARTICLE II. Faculty Senate

A. Function

The Faculty Senate is the primary faculty advisory body to the University of South Florida President, Provost, and Senior Vice President for USF Health on all matters that pertain to the academic climate of the university. The Senate has the responsibility to review and make recommendations to them considering decisions on all matters pertaining to the welfare of the University, focusing particularly on those pertaining to the academic mission.

The Senate may initiate discussion and take a position on any subject of University concern, and may recommend policies on these matters to the

C. Membership

The Faculty Senate shall be composed of elected members of the general faculty apportioned among and representing the academic units of the University of South

2. Eligibility for participation in elections. Each member of the general

2. Duties, terms of office, and election procedures. The duties of these officers, the terms of office, and the procedures for their election areas specified in the *Bylaws*.
3. Removal. Any officer may be removed for cause. Removal of an officer for cause requires the approval of at least 2/3rds of Faculty Senators present at a scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate, provided a quorum is established. Any officer removed remains eligible to serve as a Faculty Senator. The office shall be filled by majority vote at the next scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate following removal.

G. Meetings

1. Regular Meetings. The Faculty Senate shall meet in regular session each month during Fall and Spring semesters. All meetings must provide for virtual participation, including all voting procedures.
2. Special Meetings. The President of the Faculty Senate may call a special meeting whenever they deem it necessary and shall call meetings at the request of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, the President of the University, the Provost, or the Senior Vice President for USF Health, and shall call meetings at the written request of five voting members of the Faculty Senate.
3. Access and Floor Privileges. All meetings of the Faculty Senate shall be open to members of the University community. The President of the University, Provost, Senior Vice President for USF Health, regional chancellors, and vice presidents shall be extended privileges of the floor upon request; other non-members may be granted privileges of the floor upon written request or upon the invitation of the President of the Faculty Senate.
4. Minutes. Minutes of the meetings of the Faculty Senate shall be made available in a publicly accessible and timely manner

H. Vacancy in Office of University President

Upon the resignation, retirement, removal, or death of the University President, the Faculty Senate will designate individuals to be available for membership on any committee requested by the Board of Trustees for the purpose of consultation in the selection of a nominee for University President.

ARTICLE III. Committees and Councils

A. Faculty Senate Committees

1. Executive Committee. The Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate advises the President of the Faculty Senate, meets with the University President, the Provost, and the Senior Vice President for USF Health, and their designees, and assists the President of the Faculty Senate in determining the agenda for Faculty Senate meetings. The membership of the Executive Committee is as specified in the *Bylaws*.
2. Standing Committees. There shall be standing committees of the Faculty Senate to expedite the efficient functioning of the Faculty Senate and its affairs. Committees and membership selection shall be made in accordance with the *Bylaws*.
3. Ad Hoc Committees. The Faculty Senate may establish ad hoc committees as

B. Ratification

All amendments to this *Constitution* must be approved by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the Faculty Senate present and voting at a meeting with a quorum after a meeting of Faculty Senate at which the amendments are introduced. All amendments must be ratified by a majority of the general faculty voting. Such amendments must be approved by the President of the University.

ARTICLE V. Compliance

The provisions of this *Constitution* shall not be construed in any manner so as to conflict with the laws of the State of Florida, the policies of the Board of Governors or the Board of Trustees, or contractual agreements between the Board of Trustees and bargaining agents.