

The University Senate, at its regular meeting on April 23, 1999, approved most of the recommendations presented by the Senate Revitalization Committee, as follows. Several of the recommendations were amended by the Senate prior to approval.

RECOMMENDATIONS APPROVED:

1. The Senate Executive Committee shall meet with the University President and the University Vice President for Academic Affairs at the beginning of each academic year to discuss the administration's and the Senate's goals for the year. Chairs and administration liaisons of Senate Committees shall be surveyed in advance of this meeting for their ideas.
2. The Senate Chair and Vice Chair shall meet periodically with the University President and/or the University Vice President for Academic Affairs to explore informally matters within the purview of the Senate.
3. The University administration, through the President and the University Vice President for Academic Affairs, as well as through administration liaisons to the Senate's standing committees, shall keep the Senate informed of major issues and proposals under consideration, and shall seek the Senate's advice well in advance of their implementation or finalization.
4. A substantive summary of the major actions and reports of Senate and Senate Executive Committee meetings shall be distributed to Senators via e-mail as soon as possible after the meeting. Individual Senators are encouraged to communicate information on Senate actions and proceedings to their constituents, and to invite commentary.
5. Action items shall appear on Senate meeting agendas before reports (with the exception that the chairperson's and secretary's reports, which include convening the meeting, declaration of a quorum, and approval of the day's agenda, shall of parliamentary necessity be first on the agendas). Non-action reports shall be submitted in writing to the Senate office for distribution to the Senate in advance of the meetings whenever practicable, and any oral summaries of these reports shall be closely time-controlled.
6. The Administration should work with the Senate to help make the Senate's activities more visible to the University community.
7. Senators who are also Faculty Council members should serve on counterpart committees where possible.
8. Accommodations shall be made to enable a faculty caucus of all faculty senators, a student caucus of all student senators, and an alumni caucus of all alumni senators. Each caucus shall determine its own organization and agenda, and shall be able to bring proposals and issues to the Senate through its Executive Committee liaison. The Senate Executive Committee shall designate one of its faculty members as convener of the faculty caucus, and that person shall ordinarily be the Vice Chair of the Senate. The Senate Executive Committee shall designate one of its student members as convener of the student caucus, and that person shall ordinarily be the undergraduate student member of the Executive Committee. The Senate Executive Committee shall designate an alumnus Senator as convener of the alumni caucus, and that person shall ordinarily be the alumnus member of the Executive Committee.
9. The Camden Campus faculty should form a broadly representative faculty council, similar to those on the Newark and New Brunswick Campuses, but reflecting the structure and needs of the Camden Campus.
10. Appropriate office and support staff should serve the Senate (including the faculty and student caucuses), and the New Brunswick, Newark and Camden Faculty Councils. This should include additional support staff and resources to be assigned to and located on all campuses to serve those respective Faculty Councils.

11. TABLED UNAPPROVED (This recommendation, as tabled, read: "Faculty Senators will be nominated and elected by each Faculty Council according to its bylaws and according to the representative number and distribution required by Senate regulations. Faculty Senators elected by each Faculty Council may be members of that Faculty Council.")

12. Each year after the first year of implementation of those resolutions adopted from this report, a survey shall be conducted at a spring-semester Senate meeting to measure the degree of satisfaction with Senate operations and Senate-Administration communication.

13. (ADDED FROM THE SENATE FLOOR) The ad hoc Senate Revitalization Committee shall continue its work of considering and recommending ways in which to improve and enhance participation in the University Senate.