

Faculty Senate Resolution 04-07: A Bylaws Amendment
Establishing the Educational Policy Committee
Adopted by the Senate at the Meeting of March 18, 2004

Be it Resolved, that the following provisions for an Educational Policy Committee shall be included in alphabetical order in the committee list of the Faculty Senate Bylaws:

Educational Policy Committee

Preamble

With regard to educational programs and policy at LSU, the Regulations of the Board of Supervisors (Chapter 1, Section 1-2) assign authority to the faculty, subject to the authority of the Board. The Regulations distribute this authority among the faculty of departments, colleges, and schools, and the Faculty Council. The Faculty Council delegates its authority to the Faculty Senate under the terms of the Senate Constitution.

Among the several Senate committees which assist the Senate in carrying out its responsibilities in this area, the Educational Policy Committee will hold a central position. Its jurisdiction will include all matters of educational policy which are appropriate to the Senate and not assigned to other Senate committees.

Charges

1. To facilitate the faculty's leadership role in fostering the quality and success of the University's educational function.
2. To consider in broad perspective the conception and performance of the University's educational mission; and to concern itself with factors that have significant impact upon undergraduate and graduate studies, including the character and quality of educational programs, conditions of student life, and intellectual climate.
3. To conduct research and make recommendations on emerging issues.
4. To encourage, promote, and evaluate innovative and experimental educational programs.
5. To communicate with other Senate committees and other University entities, while respecting their jurisdictions.
6. To assure that faculty have convenient access to ample information about the University's educational function, and to promote understanding of (for example):
 - o How well students are progressing toward degrees and achieving the goals of academic programs.
 - o How various policies, conditions, and other factors affect the academic success of students.

Such reports and information may come from inquiries and studies conducted by other Senate Committees or other University offices or entities on matters that lie

within their jurisdictions. The Educational Policy Committee may make inquiries and conduct studies on its own to supplement those sources.

7. To establish study groups, and to conduct forums or workshops, in order to inform the faculty or to collect their views.
8. To coordinate the support role of Faculty Senate committees in preparing reports to accrediting agencies.
9. To advise the Executive Committee on the establishment of special committees of the Senate, with specified instructions and terms of service, when necessary to assist in fulfilling these charges.

Membership

The voting members shall be eight faculty--six elected and two appointed--and two appointed students, as provided below.

The faculty members will serve three-year terms, except that the terms will be staggered in a manner decided by the Executive Committee. They should preferably be present or former chairs or other active members of Senate Committees concerned with education; persons presently or formerly substantially engaged in curricular or educational matters in a department, college, or other academic unit; or persons with other appropriate experience. They may not concurrently serve as department chairs or higher administrative officers.

The six elected members: Each year at its March meeting, the Senate will elect persons to fill vacancies for terms that begin in the fall, and will also elect an Alternate, who will stand by to fill any vacancy that may occur on the Committee during the next year. The Executive Committee will serve as nominating committee for these positions, after receiving suggestions by the Committee on Committees, and nominations from the floor will be called for.

The four appointed members: The Executive Committee will appoint two additional faculty members who will be selected to improve breadth of representation, or to meet needs for expertise; and two student members for one-year terms. One of the students will be an upper-division undergraduate, and the other will be a graduate student.

***Ex officio* members:** The Provost or Provost's designee will be an *ex officio* member. The Provost and Executive Committee may jointly appoint up to two additional *ex officio* members.