

Faculty Senate Executive Committee

**Internal Senate Action-** Continuation of Faculty Senate and Committee Membership During and Following the 2023 Spring Semester Academic Realignment Work

**Whereas,** at the end of the 2022 fall semester the university announced the Reynolds College of Arts and Letters will combine with the College of Humanities and Public Affairs to form one new college; and

**Whereas,** at the end of the 2022 fall semester the university announced the creation of the Academic Realignment Team, which is tasked with developing options for further academic realignment across the colleges, schools, and departments; and

**Whereas,** the timeline posted online for both of these activities identifies May 2023 as the projected deadline for announcing realignment options; and

**Whereas,** the 2022 *Bylaws of the Faculty* describe election procedures for new senators of the Faculty Senate, as well as for new members of certain standing committees and councils of the Faculty Senate, which are scheduled to occur during the spring semester of the current academic year; therefore,

**Be it resolved,** the Faculty Senate recognizes the 2022 *Bylaws of the Faculty* cannot be strictly applied in all instances during this academic realignment period; and

**Be it further resolved,** the Faculty Senate will elect faculty representation to the Senate and its standing councils and committees as described in the 2022 *Bylaws of the Faculty*; and

**Be it further resolved,** elected membership in the Senate and its standing councils and committees for the 2023-2024 academic year will remain as they are decided after the 2023 spring elections unless current bylaws for filling a vacant seat are applicable; and

**Be it further resolved,** the creation of the one new college from combining the Reynolds College of Arts and Letters with the College of Humanities and Public Affairs will result in the creation of one new College Council, and this new College Council will elect a single Chair following the procedures described in the 2022 *Bylaws of the Faculty*.