

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FACULTY SENATE CONSTITUTION REGARDING
THE FUNCTION OF FACULTY SENATE AS FACULTY VOICE**

WHEREAS, the voice of the university faculty should not be limited in its expression through its participation in the Faculty Senate of Virginia, nor should it be limited to matters of broader concern to faculty across the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Virginia Tech Faculty Senate of Virginia is defined in Article VI, Section 5 of the Faculty Senate Constitution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Article II of the Virginia Tech Faculty Senate Constitution be amended as follows (with changes noted in red):

Article II. Functions

The functions of the Faculty Senate are:

to establish within the laws applicable to Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University an effective means for advising and responding to the university commissions, the University Council, the administration, and the Board of Visitors on university affairs;

- to express opinion on university affairs as the Faculty Senate deems appropriate and necessary;
- to participate in the formulation of academic and educational policies that concern more than one college, division, or center;
- to consider policies, programs, and other matters that the administration, college faculties, student organizations, and individuals of the faculty may propose;
- to afford avenues and procedures whereby communications within the university may flow freely, fully, and systematically;
- to help create, maintain, and protect a university environment conducive to the richest growth of scholarship, learning, teaching, research, service, and respect for human dignity and rights;
- to accept and share responsibility with the administration, staff, and students in all efforts to improve the stature and usefulness of the university;
- to ~~advise, respond to, and participate in the Faculty Senate of Virginia, thereby~~ providing provide university faculty with a voice in matters of broader concern. ~~to faculty across the Commonwealth of Virginia.~~

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Visitors approve this resolution, effective immediately.

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