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FACULTY ORGANIZATION

The Faculty of the Naval Postgraduate School is organized under the following set of By-Laws.

FACULTY BY-LAWS

Article I NAME

This organization will be known as the Faculty of the Naval Postgraduate School, and will hereinafter be referred to as the Faculty.

Article II OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this organization will be to promote understanding and communication between members of the Faculty and members of the Administrative Staff, to protect and promote the professional stature of its members, and to assist the administration in accomplishing the mission of the Naval Postgraduate School.

Article III ORGANIZATION

Section 1. In order to fulfill the objectives of the organization in an orderly manner, there are hereinafter established the following recognized bodies.

(i) The Faculty;
(ii) The Faculty Council;
(iii) The Executive Board of the Faculty Council, hereinafter referred to as the Executive Board; and
(iv) The Standing Committees of the Faculty.

Section 2. The Faculty Council is the representative body of the Faculty and is responsible to the Faculty. It is headed by the Faculty Chair, elected from the eligible membership of the Faculty. The Secretary of the Faculty, elected from the eligible membership of the Faculty, acts in a secretarial role for meetings of both the Faculty and the Faculty Council.

Article IV FACULTY

Section 1. Membership. There shall be three classes of membership.

(i) Regular Member. Full-time civilian employees and military personnel, who are not Ex-Officio Members and who hold academic appointments as professors, associate professors, assistant professors, professors of practice, senior lecturers, lecturers, research professors, research associate professors, or research assistant professors shall be REGULAR MEMBERS of the Faculty. Regular Members will have the right to vote on all matters brought before the Faculty except as provided in Article IV, Section 2 (v) (a), and Article V, Section 5 (v). Regular Members will have the right to hold a single elective office as provided in Article V, Section 1, Article VI, Section 1, Article VII,
Section 1, and Article VIII, Section 1, and will have the right to hold office in Temporary Committees.

(ii) Ex-Officio Member. The following persons shall be Ex-Officio Members of the Faculty:
  • The President of NPS
  • The Provost and Academic Dean (hereafter referred to as the Provost)
  • Vice, Associate, and Assistant Provosts
  • The University Librarian and Associate University Librarian
  • Directors holding AD appointments (more than half-time or otherwise ineligible for Regular Membership)
  • Deans of the Graduate Schools
  • The Dean of Research
  • The Dean of Students
  • Associate Deans (more than half-time or ineligible for Regular Membership)
  • Assistant Deans

Ex-Officio Members will have the right to vote on all matters brought before the Faculty at meetings of the Faculty, but they may not hold elective office.

(iii) Associate Member. Those holding appointments as Faculty Associates, those holding courtesy academic appointment, emeritus faculty, civilians who hold academic appointments while employed on a contract or part-time basis, and other persons on the AD schedule with appointments not qualifying for Regular or Ex Officio membership will be ASSOCIATE MEMBERS of the Faculty. Associate Members will enjoy all the privileges of membership except those of voting and holding office.

Section 2. Meetings.

(i) There shall be at least one regular meeting in the Spring Quarter and in the Fall Quarter of each Academic Year.

(ii) The regular meeting in the Fall Quarter shall be known as the Election Meeting. It shall be held no earlier than the third week of the Quarter.

(iii) Special meetings shall be called on the request of the Faculty Chair, the Provost, or by a petition to the Faculty Council signed by ten percent of the Regular Members.

(iv) The Provost shall preside over meetings of the Faculty. In the absence of the Provost, the Chair shall preside, or in the Chair’s absence, the Acting Faculty Chair. In the event of the Acting Chair’s absence, the Chair of one of the Standing Committees, in the order of precedence listed in Article VII, Section 1 (i), shall preside.

(a) The presiding officer shall be without vote except in the event of a tie. To ensure anonymity during secret ballots, the presiding officer’s ballot will be collected by those counting the ballots but will not be opened unless there is a tie.

(v) The agenda for meetings of the Faculty shall be established by the Faculty Council. Special items for the agenda shall be included, on petition signed by ten percent of the Regular Members. The notice and agenda of any regular or special Faculty meeting shall be circulated to the Faculty by the Secretary of the Faculty not less than five days before the meeting.

(vi) A quorum shall consist of thirty-five Regular Members.

(vii) "Roberts Rules of Order (Revised)" shall be used in governing all meetings of the Faculty except when in conflict with the By-Laws.
(vii) A Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the Faculty Chair.

Section 3. Elections and Tenure of Office.

(i) Nominations for elective office, with the exceptions of Department Representatives and Alternates, shall be presented by the Nominating Committee at the October Faculty Council meeting. Additional nominations may be made for circulation to the Faculty not less than five days before the Election Meeting. Nominations from the floor for positions other than Faculty Chair-Elect may be approved with the consent of a majority of the members present at the Election Meeting. Each nominee must consent to having his or her name placed in nomination. Election shall be by electronic ballot, and will occur within a five-day period commencing on the day following the Election Meeting.

(ii) Results of the election shall be published to the Faculty within a week after the Election Meeting and shall be certified to the Council by the Nominating Committee at the first regular Council meeting following the Election Meeting.

(iii) All newly elected Faculty officers, including Department Representatives and Alternates, shall assume office at the time of the first regular Council meeting following the Election Meeting.

(iv) If two or more members of the same committee are to be elected at the same meeting, the member receiving the largest number of votes will be elected for the longest term and the member receiving the smallest number of votes will be elected for the shortest term.

(v) No person may hold a particular elective office for more than two consecutive terms.

(vi) The office held by any member of the Faculty scheduled to be absent from the Monterey area or otherwise unavailable for duty is considered to be vacant upon commencement of such unavailability. Vacancies of three or more consecutive quarters shall be permanent, while those of shorter duration shall be temporary. Vacancies in the office of Department Representative or Alternate shall be filled by election by members of the Department concerned. Vacancies in all other offices shall be filled as specified in Article V, Section 2 (vi).

Article V FACULTY COUNCIL

Section 1. Membership. The following are members of the Faculty Council:

(i) the Faculty Chair;

(ii) three Faculty At-Large Representatives;

(iii) the Department Representatives, one from each Academic Department, except that a Department having 60 or more Regular Members of the Faculty shall elect two Department Representatives, and except that if a Department has five or fewer Regular Members of the Faculty, the Faculty Council shall determine whether the Department shall have its own Department Representative or shall be merged with another Academic Department for the sole purpose of electing a single Department

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1 For purposes of these bylaws the term Department Representative will also be used for the representative(s) from the Graduate School of Business and Public Policy.
Representative for the two Academic Departments. The Graduate School of Business and Public Policy and the Defense Resources Management Education Center shall each be considered to be an Academic Department for the purpose of providing Department Representatives and alternates to the Faculty Council under the provisions discussed in Article VIII;

(iv) the Chairs of the Standing Faculty Committees; and

(v) the Secretary of the Faculty.

(vi) When the Chair of a Standing Committee is unable to attend a meeting of the Faculty Council he or she shall designate another member of the Committee to attend in his or her place. This member shall be entitled to vote on all matters before the Council.

Section 2. Duties. The duties of the Faculty Council shall be to:

(i) consider all problems, policies and procedures that are of concern to the Faculty;

(ii) determine the agenda for Faculty meetings;

(iii) assign studies of problems, policies or procedures to the appropriate committee(s), and to receive and act upon these reports;

(iv) report actions of the Faculty Council to the Faculty;

(v) circulate matters to be presented to the Faculty, such circulation to be made by the Secretary of the Faculty at least five days before the meeting at which the items are to be discussed;

(vi) appoint members to fill permanent vacancies in elective offices except those of Department Representatives and Alternates, the appointed member to serve until the next election meeting of the Faculty at which time the office shall be filled by election; and at its discretion to appoint members to fill temporary vacancies, the appointed member to serve until the regular member resumes office. Appointees to the standing committees shall serve as junior members;

(vii) annually elect at the first meeting following the election meeting of the Faculty from among the Faculty Representatives and Department Representatives four members to serve on the Executive Board;

(viii) annually appoint at the first meeting following the election meeting of the Faculty one regular faculty member to serve for a two-year term on the Research Board and one regular faculty member to serve for a two year term on the Information Technology Task Force.

Section 3. Faculty Chair. There shall be a Faculty Chair whose duties include:

(i) presiding at meetings of the Faculty Council and Executive Board; the Chair may designate a Faculty Council member to preside during all or any part of a Faculty Council meeting;

(ii) transmitting Faculty Council proceedings requiring response to the President or the President’s designated representative via the Provost;

(iii) representing the Faculty at every appropriate forum; and
Section 4. **Faculty Chair-Elect.** There shall be a Faculty Chair-Elect whose duties include:

(i) maintaining a working knowledge of the Faculty Organization and the current state of its recognized bodies;

(ii) planning and arranging a work schedule that will be appropriate for his or her duties as Faculty Chair in the following academic year; and

(iii) performing other duties that might be assigned by the Faculty Chair or the Executive Board.

Section 5. **Executive Board.**

(i) The Executive Board of the Faculty Council shall consist of:

(a) The Faculty Chair and the Faculty Chair Elect.

(b) The Secretary of the Faculty.

(c) Four members of the Faculty Council elected from among all Council members and members of standing committees of the Faculty Council.

(d) The immediate past Faculty Chair serves as a non-voting member of the Faculty Executive Board.

(ii) The duties of the Executive Board shall include:

(a) providing for an Acting Faculty Chair to serve in the absence of the Faculty Chair;

(b) establishing the agenda for Faculty Council Meetings;

(c) dealing with all matters relating to the professional status of the Faculty as a group;

(d) being cognizant of the activities of all Faculty standing and temporary committees (Article VII, Sections 1 and 2); and

(e) to perform all other duties assigned to it by the Faculty Council.

Section 6. **Meetings.**

(i) The Faculty Council shall meet on a regular monthly basis during each Academic Quarter except during the month of the regular Faculty meeting and at other times as necessary.

(ii) The Executive Board shall meet weekly during each Academic Quarter except for the weeks of the Faculty Council or regular Faculty meetings. It shall meet monthly as a Joint Policy Council with the Provost and Deans.

(iii) A quorum is a simple majority of the Faculty Council members, and voted action requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the members present.
(iv) All members of the Faculty as defined under Article IV, Section 1 are entitled to attend the meetings of the Faculty Council. Upon recognition by the presiding officer, Faculty members may address the group.

(v) The presiding officer is without vote except in case of a tie. To ensure anonymity during secret ballots, the presiding officer’s ballot will be collected by those counting the ballots but will not be opened unless there is a tie.

Article VI SECRETARY OF THE FACULTY

Section 1. There shall be a Secretary of the Faculty. The Secretary shall serve in this role at meetings of the Faculty, Faculty Council, and the Executive Board.

Section 2. Term of Office. The Secretary of the Faculty shall be elected for a two-year period by the Faculty at the Election Meeting of the Faculty.

Section 3. In the absence of the Secretary of the Faculty, the Faculty Chair shall appoint an acting Secretary.

Article VII FACULTY COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees.

(i) There shall be five Standing Committees: Professional Practices; Scholarship; Budget; Plans, Facilities and Support Services; and Nominating.

(ii) Each Standing Committee shall consist of three elected members with each serving for three years except that terms of one, two, or three years may be assigned according to the number of votes received when necessary in order to allow one-third of the membership of each committee to be elected each year.

(iii) Eligible Faculty shall be appointed to fill vacancies as defined under Article V, Section 2 (vi).

(iv) Of each individual committee, the elected member who has served the longest current continuous period shall be Chair. In the case of two elected members of equal length of current service, the member with the shortest remaining tenure shall be Chair. If all members have been appointed by the Faculty Council, the member who has served the longest period of his current term shall be Chair. The phrase “longest current continuous period” shall be interpreted as including not more than one elected term.

(v) A Standing Committee may augment its membership with the approval of the Faculty Chair to help it perform its assigned duties and may establish subcommittees for special purposes. The Chair of a subcommittee shall be a member of the parent committee.

(vi) All committees, except Nominating and Professional Practices, shall report to the Faculty Council and to the Faculty at regular Faculty meetings.

(vii) The Nominating Committee shall report directly to the Faculty annually and to the Faculty Council as required.

Section 2. Duties.

(i) Professional Practices. This Committee will consist of three tenured full professors. Its duties shall be to provide counsel and assistance to individual Faculty members and to the Administration, when requested, in matters relating to individual grievances and ethics. The committee, where necessary, will present the matter to the Executive Board
for further consideration, but will not present such matters to the Council or Faculty unless directed to do so by the Executive Board.

(ii) Scholarship. The duties of the Scholarship Committee shall be to study all matters of scholarship as they apply to the Faculty and Student Body; e.g., teaching load, curriculum development, requirements for the awarding of degrees, etc.

(iii) Plans, Facilities and Support Services. The duties of this Committee shall be to represent the Faculty on matters concerned with the use and development of land and facilities in support of the School's mission; to provide liaison between the Faculty Council and the Director Facilities and Redevelopment Department administrative plans officer in the development of detailed plans for future academic buildings, facilities and support services; and to provide liaison between the Faculty and the appropriate offices of the School in matters concerning these issues.

(iv) Budget. The duties of this Committee shall be to represent the Faculty on matters relating to the budgeting of funds and the execution of budgets as they pertain to academic programs, research, and direct and indirect costs. The Committee shall provide liaison between the faculty and the appropriate officials within the school on matters concerning these issues.

(v) Nominating. The duties of this Committee shall be to present at least two candidates in nomination for each elective office to be filled according to Article IV, Section 3; to present candidates in nomination for temporary elected committees when so instructed in the formative motion; to keep records of past and present membership of all committees and sub-committees; to act as tellers and record the vote in all elections and other matters coming before the Faculty in which voting by written ballot has been specified.

Section 3. Temporary Committees.

(i) A temporary committee may be created and its duties outlined either by action of the Faculty, the Faculty Council or the Faculty Chair.

(ii) Members of a temporary committee shall be elected or appointed as specified in the formative motion if the committee is created by action of the Faculty or the Faculty Council; otherwise they shall be appointed by the Faculty Chair.

(iii) A temporary committee is automatically dissolved at the end of the second quarter following its inception unless its term is extended by actions of the Faculty Council or the Faculty.

Article VIII DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FACULTY COUNCIL

Section 1. Department Representatives shall be elected in accordance with Article V, section 1(ii).

(i) Elections shall be held not less than two days prior to the first regular Council meeting following the Faculty Election Meeting. An Alternate with concurrent term shall be elected to serve in the absence of the Department Representative. A Second Alternate may be elected to act in the absence of the Department Representative and the Alternate.

(ii) The results of the election shall be transmitted by the Department Chair to the Secretary of the Faculty prior to the first regular Council Meeting following the Faculty Election Meeting.
Section 2. Tenure of Office. Except as otherwise provided herein, each Department Representative shall serve for three years. The term of the Alternate from the same Department shall run concurrently. The term of office shall begin at the time of the first regular Council Meeting following the Faculty Election Meeting, except that the term of a Department Representative or Alternate elected to fill a vacancy shall commence upon his or her election and shall extend to the end of the term of the Representative or Alternate being replaced. If two departments are merged, both Department Representatives shall continue in office until expiration of their elected terms.

Section 3. If a Department Representative becomes Faculty Chair, then the Alternate shall become acting Department Representative with full privileges as a member of the Faculty Council.

Section 4. Duties of Department Representatives and Alternates. Each Department Representative shall keep the Faculty of his or her department informed concerning discussions in and action by the Faculty Council, and shall represent the interest of the department Faculty in the Faculty Council. The duties of Department Representative Alternate shall include assisting the Department Representative in the performance of his duties.

Article IX AT-LARGE FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE FACULTY COUNCIL

Section 1. Three At-Large Faculty Representatives shall be elected as described in article IV.3(i).

Section 2. Each elected member shall serve for three years. Should there be more than one vacancy, the candidate receiving the largest number of votes shall serve three years, the candidate receiving the second largest number shall serve two years and the candidate receiving the third largest number shall serve a one-year term.

Article X AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended provided that a notice of the proposed action has been circulated at least five days before the Faculty Meeting at which the action is to take place, a quorum is present, and an affirmative vote of two-thirds of the voting members present is obtained.

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