

## Senate Affairs 2015-2016

<b>Committee</b>	Senate Affairs	
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<b>Charges</b>		<b>Due</b>
1.	<p><b>Reapportionment</b></p> <p><b>Issue:</b> From Article II of the Faculty Senate Constitution: The Senate shall at least once every five years review the numbers of elected representatives from the several Faculties, taking into account the relative sizes of the Faculties and of the student bodies of the several schools. Each school shall have at least two Faculty Senators. The number of elected representatives of any one school or college shall be no more than one-third of the total number of elected senators. Changes may also be proposed to the Senate by any Faculty. Proposed changes in the composition of the Senate shall be made known to the members of the Faculty Assembly at least one month before Senate action, and shall become effective when adopted by the majority of the Senate voting membership.</p> <p><b>Goal:</b> Execute reapportionment plan. Develop campus wide communication and stakeholder communication plan as necessary to support this endeavor.</p>	Proposed changes must be announced at Spring Assembly 3/31. Vote will occur in Senate on 5/9.
2.	<p><b>Amendments</b></p> <p><b>Issue:</b> From Article III of the Faculty Senate Constitution: Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by the Faculty Senate or by any one of the Faculties of the several Schools or Colleges. Except as otherwise provided in this Constitution, amendments shall become effective when approved by two-thirds of those present and voting at a meeting of the Faculty Assembly. At least one month before such meeting, the members of the Faculty Assembly shall be notified in writing of the proposed amendments.</p> <p><b>Goal:</b> Manage amendment process and develop a campus wide communication plan.</p>	Vote must occur at Spring Assembly on 3/31. Faculty must be notified by 2/29
3.	<p><b>Future of the Senate</b></p> <p><b>Issue:</b> In light of VU's reorganization should there be 1 Senate or 2 Senates. The committee will study the issue and bring forward recommendations to the Faculty Senate.</p>	

	<p><b>Goal:</b> Develop campus-side communication plan and engage stakeholders as necessary.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Senator identification</b></p> <p><b>Issue:</b> Should Senators be referred to by name or anonymously in the Faculty Senate minutes? (See Senate Affairs 2013-14 report, which indicates motion passed unanimously to not refer to Senators by name in the published minutes.)</p> <p><b>Goal:</b> Solicit Senator input/feedback, develop recommendation and bring motion to Senate.</p>	
5.	<p><b>CARE Committee</b></p> <p>Faculty Senate on the CARE Committee to encourage dialogue and to assist in the planning of the spring event. The Faculty Senate should continue to co-sponsor the event to show support for VU staff. Recommendation from Senate Affairs 2014-15 Committee.</p> <p><b>Goal:</b> Collaborate with CARE Committee as necessary.</p>	Ongoing
6.	<p><b>Committee Engagement</b></p> <p>One meeting of the SAC, each year, should be dedicated to receiving reports from the USC's and, if necessary, Senate Task Forces. When issues arise that overlap with these committees, every effort should be taken to include the University Standing Committees to avoid duplication of efforts.</p> <p><b>Goal:</b> Continue execution of the current plan, while modifying the approach necessary to execute this initiative.</p>	