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September 10, 2009
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140 Frist Hall (School of Nursing)

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140 Frist Hall (School of Nursing)

November 5, 2009
140 Frist Hall (School of Nursing)

December 3, 2009
140 Frist Hall (School of Nursing)

February 4, 2010**elected senators only**
140 Frist Hall (School of Nursing)

March 4, 2010
140 Frist Hall (School of Nursing)

April 15, 2010
140 Frist Hall (School of Nursing)

May 10, 2010
reception to follow
140 Frist Hall (School of Nursing)
MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY SENATE BY SCHOOL 2009-2010

Faculty members are elected to the Faculty Senate for a three-year term. Terms commence every July 1st. Expiration of terms is shown within parentheses after each name.

College of Arts and Science

Michael Aubuch**, serving as replacement for Kelly Oliver for fall 09**  
Professor/Art

Richard Blackett (2010)  
Professor/History

William Collins (2011)  
Assistant Professor/Economics

Todd Graham**, serving as one-year replacement for Ned Porter**  
Associate Professor/Biological Sciences

Charles Lukehart (2011)  
Professor/Chemistry

Kelly Oliver (2010)**, on leave fall 09**  
Professor/Philosophy

Bruce Oppenheimer (2011)  
Professor/Political Science

Lynn Ramey (2012)  
Associate Professor/French

Peter Rousseau (2010)  
Professor/Economics

Edward Saff (2011)  
Professor/Mathematics

Michael Stone (2010)  
Professor/Chemistry

David Weintraub (2012)  
Professor/Astronomy

Mark Wollaeger (2012)  
Professor/English
Paul D Young (2012)
Associate Professor/English

Blair School of Music

Greg Barz (2012)
Associate Professor/Musicology

Robin Fountain (2010)**serving as one-year replacement for Joy Calico**
Professor/Conducting

Divinity School

Ellen Armour (2010)
Associate Professor/Theology & Philosophy

Stacey Floyd-Thomas (2012)
Research Associate Professor/Divinity

School of Engineering

Robert Bodenheimer (2011)
Associate Professor/Computer Science

Benoit Dawant (2012)
Professor/Electrical Engineering & Computer Engineering

Cynthia Paschal (2010)
Associate Professor/Biomedical Engineering

Bridget Rogers (2012)
Associate Professor/Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering

Greg Walker (2011)
Assistant Professor/Mechanical Engineering

Law School

Margaret Blair (2010)
Professor/Law

Frank Bloch (2011)
Professor/Law
School of Medicine

Rick Barr (2010) **completing Gordon Bernard's term**
Associate Professor/Pediatric Critical Care

Dan Beauchamp (2012)
Professor/Surgical Sciences

Brian Christman (2011)
Professor/Medicine

Agnes Fogo (2012)
Professor/Pathology

Jennifer Halpern (2012)
Assistant Professor/Orthopedics & Rehabilitation

Scott Hiebert (2010)
Professor/Biochemistry

Robert F. Miller (2012)
Assistant Professor/Medicine

Lillian Nanney (2011)
Professor/Plastic Surgery and Cell Biology

Richard Peek (2011)
Professor/Medicine and Cancer Biology

David Piston (2010)
Professor/Molecular Physiology & Biophysics

Ann Price (2011)
Assistant Professor/Medical Education/Administration

Jack Roberts (2010)
Professor/Pharmacology & Medicine

Luc Van Kaer (2012)
Professor/Microbiology & Immunology

Tony Weil (2011)
Professor/ Molecular Physiology & Biophysics

Mary Yarbrough (2010)
Assistant Professor/Medicine & Preventative Medicine
School of Nursing

Terri Donaldson (2012)
Associate Professor/Nursing

Mavis Schorn (2011)
Assistant Professor/Nursing

Owen Graduate School of Management

Bill Christie (2010)
Professor/Finance & Law

Larry LeBlanc (2011)
Professor/Management

Peabody College

John Braxton (2010)
Professor/Higher Education

Dan Reschly (2010)
Professor/Education & Psychology

Sharon Shields (2011)
Professor in the Practice of Human and Organizational Development

Claire Smrekar (2011)
Associate Professor of Public Policy & Education

Paul Yoder (2012)
Research Professor/Special Education
THE CONSTITUTION

Article I
The Faculty Assembly

1. Voting membership of the Faculty Assembly consists of the full-time members of the Faculties of the several Schools who hold the rank of Instructor or above (which includes administrative officers who hold Faculty appointments). Part-time members of the Faculties having full status with partial load are voting members of the Faculty Assembly. [1974]

2. The Faculty Assembly shall meet at least once during each academic year, normally at the opening of school. It may be called into additional sessions by the Chancellor, or by the Faculty Senate, or upon the written petition of any sixty voting members of the Faculty Assembly. Twenty percent of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum. [1982]

3. The Chancellor or someone designated by the Chancellor shall preside at the required session and at sessions called by the Chancellor. At other sessions the Chair of the Faculty Senate (or, in the latter's absence, the Chair-elect) shall preside. [1982]

4. The Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate (or, in the Vice Chair's absence, the Vice Chair-elect) shall serve as Vice Chair of the Faculty Assembly. [1971] [2006]

5. The Faculty Assembly is convened:
   a. to hear reports on the state of the University from the Chancellor or other officers of administration. [1982]
   b. to permit members to direct questions to the Chancellor or other officers of administration or to the Chair of the Faculty Senate. [1982]
   c. to discuss any subject of common concern and to express its opinion thereon. Formal expression of opinion shall be by a majority of the voting members present. [1971]
   d. to pass upon proposed amendments to this Constitution as specified in Article III. [1971]

Article II
The Faculty Senate

1. Composition
a. The Faculty Senate is composed of the Deans of the several Schools and Colleges, elected members, and ex officio members. Elected members are representatives of the Faculties of the Schools and Colleges in accordance with the following distribution [2005]:

   College of Arts and Science  13
   Blair School of Music          2
   Divinity School               2
   School of Engineering         5
   School of Law                 2
Owen Graduate School of Management 2
School of Medicine 15
School of Nursing 2
Peabody College 5

b. Ex officio members of the Senate include the following: The Chancellor, the Provost, the Vice-Chancellors, the Associate Provosts, the Associate Vice-Chancellor for Research, the University Librarian, and other administrative officers as the Senate may invite and persons listed as such in the Senate Rules. In addition, the past Chair and Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate shall hold ex officio status for one year following the end of their term. Ex officio members may participate fully in the deliberations, but they have no vote. [2003] [2006]

c. The Chair of the Senate shall consult with the Executive Committee prior to discharging the Chair's responsibilities under the Promotion and Tenure Grievance Procedure. [2000]

d. 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. [2000] 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. [1984]

e. Each Faculty shall elect its own representatives, and each representative so elected shall serve for a term of three years, unless specifically chosen to complete the remainder of an unexpired term. Terms shall commence on July first and terminate on June thirtieth. [2004] Elections shall be held before May 1 each year, by a process of secret balloting, with each Faculty electing the number necessary to maintain its full delegation for the following academic year. Only full-time Faculty members with the academic rank of Instructor or above shall be eligible for election to the Senate. No single full-time Faculty member may represent more than one School. All full-time Faculty members with the academic rank of Instructor or above, part-time faculty members having full status, and such other part-time Faculty members as the full-time Faculty of a School or College may designate, shall be eligible to vote for such representatives. Distribution of representation within a School or College shall be arranged in accordance with the will of the Faculty concerned.

Terms of Senators shall be staggered so that insofar as possible each year one-third of them will complete their terms. Upon the expiration of his or her full term, a Senator shall be eligible for reelection for one additional consecutive term, but shall not be eligible for reelection to another term until three years have passed (but upon the expiration of a partial term, the period of ineligibility shall correspond only to the length of the term served). [1999] A Senator on leave of absence from the University does not forfeit membership, but during any extended absence a duly elected alternate shall serve. [1977]
2. Organization
   a. The Senate shall meet at least four times each year, normally during September, December, March, and May. Additional special meetings may be called at the discretion of the Chancellor, or the Chair of the Senate, or upon written request of any eight members of the Senate. A majority of the voting members of the Senate shall constitute a quorum. All meetings of the Senate shall be open to members of the Faculty Assembly, to the chief administrative officers, and to other persons invited by Senate action, except as provided in section 2d below. [1982]

   b. At the last regularly scheduled meeting of the Senate each year, the Senate shall elect a Chair-elect and a Vice Chair-elect (not from the same School or College) from among those elected members who at that time are in their first year of service in the Senate. The persons elected shall at that time become members of the Executive Committee, shall succeed to the offices of Chair-elect and Vice Chair-elect the following July first, and shall succeed to the offices of Chair and Vice Chair on July first of the year following their election. [2004] [2006]
   The Senate shall have the power to fill vacancies and to resolve questions of eligibility for these offices. In the event of a permanent vacancy in any of the offices, an election shall be held at the next Senate meeting to fill the vacancy. [1989]

   c. The Vice Chair shall distribute or publish minutes of each open meeting of the Senate to the members of the Faculty Assembly. The Vice Chair shall distribute or publish copies of the agenda in advance of all open meetings of the Senate, when feasible. [1977] [2006]

   d. The Senate may hold special sessions when matters of a confidential nature are being considered. Such sessions may be closed sessions, with only members present, executive sessions, with only voting members present, or special executive sessions, with only elected members present. No action taken at a special executive session shall be binding upon the Senate unless approved by a majority vote at a meeting where all voting members may be present. One special executive session shall be held in each academic year. In addition to the mandatory yearly special executive session, the Senate, acting by majority vote, or the Chair of the Faculty Senate, acting in consultation with the Executive Committee, shall have the authority to call a special session at any time. [2003]

   e. Unless otherwise herein provided, the Senate may adopt its own regulations and rules of order. In the event it does not do so, the transaction of business shall proceed according to Robert's Rules of Order. [1967]

3. Jurisdiction, Duties, and Powers
   a. The Senate is the representative, deliberative, legislative body of the Faculties. [1967]

   b. The Senate may discuss and express its views about any matter affecting the University. [1967]

   c. The Senate shall have the power to review and evaluate the educational policies and practices of the University and may make recommendations concerning them to any individual, Faculty, or other group within the University. It may provide for appropriate Faculty discussion of any educational policy or practice. It may advise and consult with the chief administrative officers
and inform them of Faculty opinions about such matters. It shall facilitate and encourage communication within the University, among the several Schools, and reciprocally among Faculty, students, and administration. It is each Faculty's responsibility to devise internal procedures for facilitating communication between that Faculty and its representatives in the Senate. [1971]

d. The Senate shall act in a consultative capacity when the establishment of new schools or colleges is considered or when new degrees are proposed. Its approval is necessary for the granting of honorary degrees. [1967]

e. The Senate is responsible for defining policies and procedures to be applied in cases involving conscience or academic freedom. [1967]

f. Senate actions which require affirmative implementation by the Chancellor shall be either accepted or rejected. In case of rejection, the Chancellor shall then follow the procedures specified in Section 2a of Chapter IV of the Code of By-Laws of The Vanderbilt University. The Chancellor shall report at least annually to the Senate on the status of pending Senate recommendations. Should there be a disagreement between the Senate and a School or College as to the jurisdiction of the Senate, the Chancellor shall make a ruling to resolve the issue. [1981]

g. The Senate may request the Chancellor to call meetings of the Faculty Assembly and take such other steps as it deems wise in carrying out its duties of providing for discussion and furthering communication as described in section 3c above. [1982]

h. The Senate may establish such committees and subcommittees as it chooses to aid in the performance of its duties, and may invite persons not members of the Senate to serve on these committees and subcommittees. [1967]

4. The Executive Committee
The Executive Committee of the Senate consists of the Chair, the Vice Chair, the Chair-elect and the Vice Chair-elect, and, from the time of their election until July first following, the persons elected to become the next Chair-elect and Vice Chair-elect. [2004] The immediate past chair and vice chair will serve as ex officio members of the committee for one year following their term. [2003] [2006]

5. The Consultative Committee
Elected members of the Senate in their final year of service, the Chair-elect, the Vice Chair-elect, and the immediate Past-Chair and the immediate Past-Vice Chair of the Senate, shall constitute the Consultative Committee, which is charged with consulting and advising with the Chancellor and assisting officers on matters of general University concern. Should there be no Senator from a School serving in his or her final year of office, the Dean of the School shall designate a Senator from that School to serve on the Consultative Committee. The Consultative Committee shall meet with the Chancellor upon his request, or upon request of a majority of the Committee, or by direction of the Senate. No formal votes shall be taken at such consultations, nor shall the Consultative Committee take any action that might commit the Senate against its will. [1982] [2006]
Article III
Amendments
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. [1967]

Article IV
Ratification
This Constitution will come into effect when ratified in a mail ballot by the members of the Faculty Assembly (as defined in Chapter IV, Section 4a, of the Code of By-Laws of The Vanderbilt University), provided approval is expressed by at least two-thirds of those voting. [Ratified April 1967]

RULES OF ORDER

I. Authority

These rules are promulgated pursuant to the authority granted to the Faculty Senate in Article II, Section 2e of the Constitution of the Faculty Assembly and Faculty Senate of Vanderbilt University. Except as otherwise provided in these rules, the transaction of Senate business shall proceed according to Robert's Rules of Order (Revised).

II. Definition

The term "vote of the Senate" as used in these Rules means the vote of those present and voting, unless otherwise indicated.

III. Rules Of Procedure

A. Order of Business
1. The following order of business shall be followed at all regular meetings of the Faculty Senate:
   Call to order
   Approval of the minutes of the last meeting
   Report of the Executive Committee
   Remarks by the Chancellor
   Scheduled remarks
   Standing committee reports
Ad hoc committee reports
Old business
New business
Good of the Senate
Adjournment

2. Motions for Senate action which accompany committee reports shall normally be acted upon at the time that they are presented, provided that such motions have complied with the notification requirements of Section D1 below.

Committee reports not accompanied by motions for Senate action shall be filed with the Vice Chair, requiring no further action. The Senate may, however, refer such reports back to the originating committees or to the Executive Committee, or dispose of them in such other manner as it deems appropriate.

3. All floor discussions under the categories of old business and new business shall be preceded by a formal motion. Other general discussion shall be held under the heading of "Good of the Senate" or in connection with the reports of committees.

4. The order of business at specially called meetings shall be that set forth in the call for those meetings.

5. The order of business at regular or specially called meetings may be changed by motion to suspend the rules approved by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

B. Voting
Voting on matters before the Faculty Senate shall normally be by "ayes" and "nays" (voice vote or show of hands) or by electronic voting. A closed vote shall be taken at the request of any voting member on any issue except routine procedures such as approval of minutes and adjournment. A roll call vote may be requested by any five voting Senators and shall be instituted if approved by two-thirds of the voting members present, except in the election of officers, which shall always be by closed vote. In the event that a roll call vote is taken, the vote of each individual Senator shall be recorded by the Vice Chair in the minutes of that meeting.

[2003] [2006]

C. Election of Officers

1. Prior to the meeting when elections of officers of the Faculty Senate are regularly scheduled, the Chair of the Senate shall appoint a nominating committee, consisting of one member from each School or College of the University. That committee shall nominate one or more persons for each office to be filled. Any voting Senator may also nominate any eligible person from the floor at the meeting at which the election is to take place. No second is required.

2. Election of officers is by a simple majority of the votes cast. Voting shall be by secret ballot. In the event that more than two persons have been nominated for a single office and no person receives a majority of the vote, the name of the nominee receiving the lowest number of votes
shall be eliminated and a new ballot shall be taken among those remaining. This procedure shall continue until a single nominee receives a majority.

3. In the event that two or more nominees receiving the highest number of votes received an equal number of votes, the Chair shall announce that fact and a second ballot shall be taken after the application of C2 above. If, following a second ballot, the votes remain equal, the Chair may, on its own motion, reopen the floor for additional nominations. In the event that two nominees with the lowest number of votes have an equal number of votes, the Chair shall announce that fact, including the names of those nominees, and shall conduct an additional ballot without dropping either name from the list of nominees. If, following this ballot, the tie vote shall still exist, and no other nominee shall have achieved a majority, the Chair may reopen the floor for additional nominations. The Chair may, at its discretion, order an additional ballot.

4. Nomination and election for the office of Chair-elect of the Senate shall be held first. Following the election of the Chair-elect, nominations and election of the Vice Chair-elect shall be held.

5. In the event that a term is not completed by either the Chair or the Vice Chair, the Senate may elect the Chair-elect, the Vice Chair-elect, or any other eligible Senator to fill the vacancy.

D. Motions Under New Business

1. No motion shall be voted under the heading of New Business unless it has been received by the members of the Senate in writing at least three days before the meeting at which it is to be submitted.

2. Senators wishing to move under New Business shall communicate their proposed motions in writing to the Secretary of the Senate not less than eight calendar days before the meeting at which the motion is to be made. It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary of the Senate to communicate the proposed motion to the Senate membership. However, any Senator who so desires may communicate a proposed motion directly to the Senate membership.

3. A Senator desiring to make a motion which has not complied with the notification requirements in paragraph 1 may do so, but the vote may not be taken until a meeting held at least three calendar days after the meeting at which the motion is presented. A motion which does not comply with the notification requirements may be voted upon at the meeting at which it is presented only if this rule is suspended by a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

E. Debate

The Chair may, at the outset of debate on any issue, announce a time limit for debate. This limit may be extended by a majority vote of the Senators present and voting.
IV. Committees

A. Standing Committees

1. The Executive Committee of the Senate shall appoint the following standing committees. The charge to each committee shall be that set forth in this rule.

a. Academic Policies and Services. To be concerned with new schools, new programs and new degrees. To consider policies regarding academic honors, leaves, grants, promotions, departmental and divisional chairmanships, programs abroad, the academic calendar, career planning and placement, Vanderbilt University Library, Information Services, the bookstore, and the University Press. To examine university strategic plans and initiatives.

b. Faculty Life. To be concerned with policies relating to wages and salaries, fringe benefits, management of investments, employment of non-academic personnel, faculty intellectual property including copyrights and patents, buildings and grounds, space, campus communications, traffic, parking, food services, and campus security.

c. Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom. To be concerned with policy regarding professional ethics, academic freedom, and conscience, under Article II, Section 3e of the Senate Constitution. To serve as a University committee on appeals as required in the Principles and Rules for Appointment and Tenure. When functioning in this latter capacity, the Committee is not serving as a committee of the Faculty Senate and is therefore not governed by these Rules.

d. Senate Affairs. To be concerned with all matters pertaining to the functioning of the Senate. To be responsible for a continuing review of the Rules of the Faculty Senate, recommending new rules when appropriate, and assisting in the interpretation of existing rules. To consider proposed revisions of the Constitution of the Faculty Assembly and Faculty Senate when this duty is assigned by the Senate.

e. Student Life. To be concerned with policies relating to student matters including residential colleges, rules and discipline, student grievances, future composition of the student body, fraternities and sororities, intercollegiate athletics and club sports, intramurals, the Honor System, faculty-student relations, religious affairs, and the student health service.

2. The Executive Committee of the Senate will normally assign items to committees pursuant to the subject matter of the committee's charge. The Executive Committee may assign matters to any committee for its consideration in an effort to avoid an undue workload on any particular committee. The Executive Committee of the Senate may refer items to ad hoc committees named for the immediate purpose when those items do not fall within the charge of a standing Senate committee or when directed to do so by Senate resolution.

B. Duties of Committee Chairs

1. The duties of Chairs of standing Senate committees are:
a. To be responsible for seeing that minutes of each committee meeting are kept and transmitted to the Chair and Vice Chair of the Senate.

b. To maintain a permanent agenda for the committee and to inform the Chair of the Senate of agenda changes.

c. To prepare a final written report covering the work of the committee during the academic year. This report shall be made to the Senate at the end of the academic year and the Chair shall submit a copy of that report to the Senate Chair and Vice Chair.

d. To prepare interim reports to be made to the Faculty Senate and to include in each report a short summary of its contents and a statement of what, if any, action is being recommended. The report should contain a recommendation for its disposition. Such recommendation may include, but is not limited to, transmittal to named parties or groups, filing for information in repositories generally available to the Faculty as a whole, or filing with University officers.

e. To assist in seeking out non-Senators who might be interested in serving on Senate committees. Approval and appointment of these persons shall be by the Executive Committee of the Senate on the recommendation of the Committee Chair.

f. To coordinate the work of the committee with the appropriate University officers and University committees. Since the functions of these officers and committees may change, the following relationships are illustrative rather than definitive.


2. The duties of ad hoc committee chairs shall be as stated above, except as modified by their committee's charge.
C. The standing and ad hoc committees of the Senate are designed to function in conjunction and cooperation with the Executive Committee, the only committee authorized to act and speak for the Senate officially.

To facilitate and encourage communication with the Senate, any standing committee may respond unofficially to any specific request made to it directly by an administrative officer or recognized campus group. The Chair and the Vice Chair of the Senate should be immediately informed of any such request, whether or not a direct response is given.

In making a response to such requests, a committee should make clear that it does not speak in any official way for either the Faculty or the Senate, and the comments given should be confirmed in writing, with copies being forwarded to the Chair and the Vice Chair of the Senate.

If a committee feels that an official response to a request is desirable, it should refer the matter to the Executive Committee for action. The committee may request (1) that the Executive Committee take action; (2) that the Senate Chair refer the matter to the appropriate committee; or (3) that the Executive Committee prepare a motion for Senate action for establishing an official Senate position.

V. Ex Officio Members

The Constitution of the Faculty Assembly and Faculty Senate provides that "Ex officio members of the Senate include the following: The Chancellor, the Provost, the Vice-Chancellors, the Associate Provosts, the Associate Vice-Chancellor for Research, the University Librarian, and other administrative officers as the Senate may invite and persons listed as such in the Senate Rules. In addition, the past Chair and Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate shall hold ex officio status for one year following the end of their term. Ex officio members may participate fully in the deliberations, but they have no vote."

VI. Parliamentarian

The Executive Committee shall appoint, with the advice and consent of a majority of the Senate, a Parliamentarian whose duty shall be to become and remain familiar with the Rules of the Senate, with Robert's Rules of Order, and with the Senate Constitution. The Parliamentarian shall attend all Senate meetings, and shall give an opinion on the manner of conduct of proceedings when requested by the Chair. The term of the Parliamentarian, who may be selected from outside the Senate membership, shall run for one Senate year but shall expire automatically with the tenure of the Senate Chair in whose term the appointment was made. The Parliamentarian may be reappointed. If selected from outside the Senate membership, the Parliamentarian shall be an ex officio member of the Senate.

VII. Official Communications

A. Chancellor's Report
The Report of the Chancellor to the Senate, referred to in Article II, Section 3f of The Constitution of the Faculty Assembly and Faculty Senate, contemplates a statement of the University's response to Senate recommendations received since the last such report. It is also contemplated that the Report shall contain references to issues pending from previous years. Such references may include a request by the Chancellor that the Senate determine whether its recommendation remains in effect.

B. Official Reaction to Senate Committee Reports and Other Actions
University officials wishing to state their views on committee reports which have been submitted to the Senate may do so either (1) at a meeting of the Senate, if the official has floor privileges or has been granted floor privileges by majority vote of the Senate for that purpose, or (2) in writing, communicated to the Chair of the Senate. In the event that the latter alternative is selected, the communication or a summary thereof shall be read by the Chair of the Senate, or the Chair's designee, to the Senate and its contents or a summary thereof shall be published as part of the minutes of the meeting at which it is read.

VIII. Delegations

Caucuses
The delegation of each school may organize a caucus of that school to facilitate the establishment of positions on issues before the Senate. No caucus may adopt a unit rule to limit the right of its members to vote as they see fit. If a delegation organizes its caucus with formal rules, a copy of those rules shall be deposited with the Secretary of the Senate.

IX. Amendments

A. These rules may be amended by a majority vote of the Senate except as otherwise indicated herein.

B. Amendments to these rules shall be submitted to the Senate at a regular meeting at least three calendar weeks before they are brought to a vote. Amendments may be voted upon at a specially called Senate meeting if the intention to take such action is included in the call for that meeting.

X. Entry Into Force
These rules shall enter into force on the day they are passed by the Faculty Senate. A majority vote is sufficient to pass all provisions except those requiring a two-thirds vote for amendment, in which case a two-thirds vote is required for passage. These rules supersede and repeal all other rules heretofore passed by the Faculty Senate. They represent a complete codification of all existing Senate Rules as of their date of passage. [1973]
**General Roles and Responsibilities of Officers of the Senate**

**Chair**
The Chair presides at Faculty Senate Meetings, represents the Faculty Senate on any matter within the Senate's jurisdiction or as requested by the Board of Trustees or Chancellor. The Chair may call additional Faculty Senate meetings as needed. The Chair oversees the Executive Committee, as well as the Consultative Committee, of the Senate. The position also appoints the Nominating Committee for the election of officers.

**Vice Chair**
The Vice Chair keeps minutes of the meetings, transmits required notices or announcements, and maintains records of the Senate. The Vice Chair serves as the Vice Chair of the Faculty Assembly. The position also serves on the Executive Committee and Consultative Committee of the Senate.

**Chair-Elect**
The Chair-Elect acts as Chair in the event the Chair is absent or otherwise unable to act. The position also serves on the Executive Committee and Consultative Committee of the Senate.

**Vice Chair-Elect**
The Vice Chair-Elect acts as Vice Chair in the event the Vice Chair is absent or otherwise unable to act. The position also serves on the Executive Committee and Consultative Committee of the Senate.

**Past-Chair & Past-Vice Chair**
The Past-Chair and Past-Vice Chair serve on the Executive Committee as ex-officio members for one year immediately following the conclusion of their terms in office. Each may serve as an advisor to the Senate and may be given standing committee duties. Both positions also serve on the Consultative Committee during that time period.
Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate

The Executive Committee:

1. appoints the senate’s standing committees, with its members serving as liaisons to the standing committees. Typically, the senate chair serves as liaison to PEAF;

2. assigns items to senate standing committees pursuant to the subject matter of the committee's charge. The executive committee may assign matters to any committee for its consideration in an effort to avoid an undue workload on any particular committee. In consultation with committee chairs, the executive committee may appoint non-senators to serve on standing committees if the workload and/or subject matter warrants;

3. may create ad hoc committees or task forces for issues that do not fall within the charge of a standing senate committee or when directed to do so by senate resolution;

4. participates as members of the senate’s consultative committee, which oversees the selection of finalists for the Chancellor’s Awards for Research and the Alexander Heard Distinguished Service Professor Award;

5. is the only committee authorized to act and speak on behalf of the senate membership; holds weekly meetings as a committee, in addition to monthly meetings with the Chancellor, the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, and the chairs of the senate’s standing committees; works closely with the Program Coordinator to ensure that the senate’s order of business is conducted appropriately and in a timely fashion.
Academic Policies and Services (APS) Committee
Charges 2009-10
Tony Weil, Chair

1. Review any new academic programs.

2. Evaluate report of the Graduate Education Task force.

3. Develop a user-friendly template to facilitate the development of petitions for new academic programs in order to streamline the process for both applicants, APS and the Faculty Senate as a whole.

4. Work with the Executive and Senate Affairs committees to clarify inconsistencies between the various governing documents regarding the authority to approve new degree programs.

5. Determine the status of the Innovation and Discovery in Engineering and Science (IDEAS) program, including funding for the non-quantitative social sciences.

6. Evaluate and codify the mechanisms for the formation, internal and external evaluation and continued operation of centers, programs, and departments across the University.
Faculty Life Committee
Charges 2009-10
Lillian Nanney, Chair

1. Recommend formalization of faculty development mechanisms and programs for all career stages.

2. Study technology transfer issue and gather information from various university committees and administrators.

3. Develop recommendations for the implementation of new options for salary payment and vacation policy for faculty on nine-month contracts.

4. Research current VU day care availability and discuss possible recommendations.

5. Discuss the issue of open access to faculty scholarly works with the Dean of the Libraries and discuss possible recommendations.

6. Inquire with Human Resources to see if any progress has been made on post-retirement health benefits.

7. Conduct fact-finding about policy for inclusion of specific neighborhoods in existing home purchase plan and determine if changes should be recommended.
Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom Committee (PEAF)
Charges 2009-10
Frank Bloch, Chair

1. Hear grievances

2. Examine policies and procedures for the communication of misconduct findings to committees considering faculty members for promotion, tenure, and appointment to chairs and directorships, including issues of sexual harassment, hostile/abusive behavior, and illegal activities.

3. Develop recommendation to expand the pool of faculty members eligible to serve on grievance committees. Recommend corresponding changes to the Faculty Manual.

4. Recommend that the various units make the expectations regarding external salary support clear to their faculty.

5. Review privacy policies regarding communications, electronic and otherwise.
Senate Affairs Committee
Charges 2009-10
Ellen Armour, Chair

1. Reapportionment - In compliance with the Senate Constitution, assess the apportionment of Senators among the schools and propose a revised distribution as needed.

2. Voting Rights - Work with the Executive Committee to clarify policy regarding voting status and participation in Senate meetings for administrative officers.

3. Senate Officers – Investigate implications of and policies for allowing both 1st and 2nd year Senators, rather than just 1st year Senators, to run for elected Senate offices.

4. Staff Council Interactions - Consider proposing mechanisms for greater interaction between the Senate and staff councils, both University Central (USC) and Medical Center (MCSAC).

5. Student Government Interactions - Consider proposing mechanisms for greater interaction with student government (VSG).

6. Reevaluating and Updating Committees - Reevaluate the current Senate committee structure and propose updates and changes as necessary.
Student Life Committee
Charges 2009-10
Bridget Rogers, Chair

1. Propose structure to create a VU graduate experience on par with the VU undergraduate experience.

2. Identify a mechanism by which faculty can refer students with potential mental health issues to a local expert.

3. Follow up with the Provost to ensure he responds to the 2008/2009 recommendation to establish a standing committee on sexual assaults.

4. Ensure spring breaks are coordinated between the university side and the medical side beyond 2014.

5. Examine results from 2008/2009 Vanderbilt Interest Program (upper class experience).
2009-2010 Senate Committee Membership

Academic Policies and Services
Committee Members:
Tony Weil, Chair, Medicine (2011)
Brian Christman, Medicine (2011) [Executive Committee Liaison]
Margaret Blair, Law (2010)
Bill Christie, Owen (2010)
Claire Smrekar, Peabody (2011)
Luc Van Kaer, Medicine (2012)
Greg Walker, Engineering (2011)
Paul D. Young, A&S (2012)

Faculty Life
Committee Members:
Lillian Nanney, Chair, Medicine (2011)
Ginny Shepherd, Medicine (ex officio) [Executive Committee Liaison]
Dan Beauchamp, Medicine (2012)
Benoit Dawant, Divinity (2012)
Robin Fountains, Blair (2010) **serving as one-year replacement for Joy Calico**
Larry LeBlanc, Owen (2011)
Michael Aurbach, A&S (2010) **serving as replacement for Kelly Oliver for fall 09**
Dave Piston, Medicine (2010)
Mary Yarbrough, Medicine (2010)
Paul Yoder, Peabody (2012)

Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom
Committee Members:
Frank Bloch, Chair, Law (2011)
Cynthia Paschal, Engineering (2010) [Executive Committee Liaison]
Jack Roberts, Medicine (2010) [Executive Committee Liaison]
Rick Barr, Medicine (2010) **completing Gordon Bernard's term**
Terri Donaldson, Nursing (2012)
Stacy Floyd-Thomas, Divinity (2012)
Bruce Oppenheimer, A&S (2011)
Dan Reschly, Peabody (2010)
Senate Affairs
Committee Members:
Ellen Armour, Chair, Divinity (2010)
Robert Bodenheimer, Engineering (2011)[Executive Committee Liaison]
Agnes Fogo, Medicine (2012)
Scott Heibert, Medicine (2010)
Ann Price, Medicine (2011)
Sharon Shields, Peabody (2011)

Student Life
Committee Members:
Bridget Rogers, Chair, Engineering (2009)
Jonathan Retzlaff, Blair (ex officio)[Executive Committee Liaison]
Greg Barz, Blair (2012)
John Braxton, Peabody (2010)
Jennifer Halpern, Medicine (2012)
Robert F. Miller, Medicine (2012)
Richard Peek, Medicine (2011)
Mavis Schorn, Nursing (2011)
Academic Policies and Services
Vanderbilt University Senate
Report for Academic Year 2008-09
Chair: Michael P. Stone (Arts and Science; 2010)

The Academic Policies and Services Committee included the following Senators: Gordon Bernard (Medicine; 2010), Margaret Blair (Law; 2010), Bill Christie (Owen; 2010), Esther Eisenberg (Medicine; 2009), Ronald Emeson (Medicine; 2009), Michael McLendon (Peabody; 2009), Lillian Nanney (Medicine; 2011), Edward Saff (Arts and Science, 2011), and Greg Walker (Engineering, 2011). The executive committee liaison was Michael P. Stone (Arts and Science; 2010).

APS has the charge to be concerned with new schools, new programs, and new degrees; to consider academic honors, leaves, grants, promotions, departmental and divisional chairmanships, programs abroad, the academic calendar, career planning and placement, Vanderbilt University Library, Information Services, the bookstore and the University Press; and to examine university strategic plans and initiatives.

In 2008-2009, APS reviewed three proposals for new academic degree programs.

New Degrees

APS carefully reviewed proposals for new degrees in the following areas:

Professional Doctorate in Medical Physics; VUMC

Doctoral Program in Epidemiology (VUMC)

Master's Degree in Nutrition and Dietetics (VSN)

The first two proposals were recommended for approval to, and ultimately approved by, the Senate. The third proposal was recommended for approval to the Senate, which had not yet voted.

In the course of its program reviews, APS determined that guidelines may be needed for consideration of degree programs. The 2009-10 APS committee, however, should undertake a broader review of the merits of establishing guidelines that could assist sponsors of new programs in the development of the proposed curriculum.
Charges

In addition to its standing duties in the review of new academic programs, APS began the year with four charges. Limited progress was made on each of these charges, and presently the APS committee does not have specific findings regarding these charges.

1. **Monitor the progress of the Provost's Task Force on Graduate Education**, intended to update what the previous committee did around 2002.

   The APS recommends that this charge be carried over to AY 2009-2010.

2. **Monitor the second round of the Provost's Academic Capital Venture Fund (ACVF) funding** to be announced this year. Specifically, the committee seeks to clarify how Institutes and Centers are formed, how they are evaluated and how decisions are made to sustain and disband specific Institutes/Centers. The committee also will look into the organization and governance of the University’s centers for interdisciplinary research and teaching. The committee will focus attention on the development and planning of two new Institutes/Centers: the Institute for Energy and the Environment, and the Center for Applied Behavioral Science. The committee will review the decision to disband of the Center for Studies of Religion and Culture.

   The APS recommends that this charge be carried over to AY 2009-2010, specifically with regard to the new centers, Institute for Energy and Environment, and the Center for Applied Behavioral Science. The APS recommends that the role of external peer review in the decision process be evaluated.

3. **To provide input into planning on the future of the University Library**, including monitoring the Senate’s representation and role on the Library Task Force.

   The APS recommends that this charge be carried over to AY 2009-2010.

4. **To continue monitoring the Senate’s role in any ongoing and future strategic planning initiatives of the University**, ensuring the visibility and transparency of such initiatives.

   The APS recommends that this charge be carried over to AY 2009-2010.
Faculty Life Committee
Vanderbilt University Senate
Report for Academic Year 2008-09
Chair: David W. Piston, Medicine (2010)

Committee members:
Jonathan Retzlaf, Blair (2009) [Executive Committee Liaison]
Jeanette Norden, Medicine (2009)
Bonnie Slovis, Medicine (2009)
Robert Weller, Engineering (2009)
Ellen Armour, Divinity (2010)
Kelly Oliver, A&S (2010)
Mary Yarbrough, Medicine (2010)

The Faculty Life Committee undertook five charges for the academic year 2008-2009:

1. Review any conclusions from the Board regarding technology transfer policies. Gather faculty input to questions regarding whether we should become more aggressive in this area as a university, and if so, how should we educate the faculty about this part of the university's mission. Gather information pro and con regarding the inclusion of patents as part of the promotion and tenure process. Work with the Administration on proposed changes to these policies and on any subsequent changes to the Faculty Manual.

2. Review the Provost office’s proposed modifications to the faculty tuition benefit plan. These proposed modifications will allow the benefit to be used for courses offered in a "mod" (half-semester) system, as is used in Owen, and also permit the benefit to be used for courses taken at an accredited university other than Vanderbilt, subject to the approval of the faculty member's dean and the provost.

3. Review issues and solutions proposed by the University Administration around effort reporting. The current focus is on requirements for external grants and the relationship between academic year and summer month effort.

4. Follow-up with the Administration regarding the most recent Faculty Survey. Work with the Administration in defining the goals of any future Faculty Surveys, as well as defining the roles that the Senate should play in such activities. Coordinate the release of all data from the previous Faculty Survey so that the Senate may analyze the data.
5. Review the status and previous committee initiated reports on continuing health insurance as a retirement benefit. Focus consideration on potentially cost-effective solutions. Initiate a study of peer institutions vis-à-vis this benefit.

The Committee also added two other issues which arose during the year:

6. Work with the administration on University Central and the Medical Center to unify the timing of Spring Break. Encourage the institution to play a leadership role within the community with the goal of creating a unified Spring Break calendar between all educational institutions and systems in the greater Nashville area.

7. Focus on faculty wellness and assist in developing communication strategies for what is currently available, and collecting information about what else might be worth doing in this area.

Committee Report:

1. The committee examined and discussed the draft proposal from the administration regarding potential changes to the Faculty Manual. We collected feedback for faculty members across campus and identified several issues that were of concern, especially to the School of Engineering. After discussions with the new Provost and the Vice-Chancellor of Health Affairs, though, it became clear that this is no longer a top priority. Further changes in leadership have now pushed this issue to the back burner.

The committee, however, realizes that technology transfer is a potential source of discovery, revenue, and publicity for the faculty and the institution. Future Faculty Life committee action should be taken to follow up on this by gathering faculty input regarding whether we should become more aggressive in this area, and whether patents are appropriate for inclusion of as part of the promotion and tenure process in some parts of the University.

2. The committee reviewed and approved modifications to the faculty tuition benefit plan. This was presented to the Faculty Senate as a motion at the December 2008 meeting and approved by the entire Senate.

3. While effort reporting continues to be a source of confusion and angst for many faculty members in the heavily grant-funded disciplines, a comprehensive solution to this issue has not yet been developed by the University. The committee gathered some feedback from faculty and provided this to Associate Provost Dennis Hall in the fall of 2008. Developing a comprehensive plan with faculty input is a future consideration for this committee, especially as detailed proposals are developed by the administration.

4. The administration is not currently interested in further analysis of the Faculty Survey. This appears to have been a large waste of effort on the faculty members that participated. The committee recommends that future surveys be coordinated in
association between the Senate and the administration, and that clear goals and procedures be defined in advance to ensure the data is maximally useful.

5. The committee chair met with Jane Bruce and her team at HR to discuss several issues of concern, including the continuing health care benefits for early retirees. As a result of this meeting, Ms. Bruce made a presentation to the Faculty Senate at the December meeting detailing the changes in retirement benefits (as a result in federal statute changes) and the availability of continuing health care coverage that will be facilitated by the institution for early retirees. This health care coverage will be paid for by the retiree, but the institution can help make the transition seamless and help by offering a cost competitive plan.

6. The committee worked with Enrollment Management, the University Registrar, and the School of Medicine to align Spring Break across the university. This is now set for the years 2010-2014, and we expect this to continue in to the future after 2014 (although the School of Medicine schedules are not yet set that far in advance. This agreement required movement of the break time from both parts of campus, and Spring Break will now fall generally around the second week of March. The committee has encouraged the institution to reach out to other educational institutions and school systems in the greater Nashville area to see if a future plan for a unified Spring Break calendar is possible. The committee should follow up on this in future years.

7. In light of several high profile breakdowns in faculty wellness, the committee decided to focus some effort on faculty wellness. We found that existing programs are in place, but not well known among the faculty. These programs began in the Medical Center, but are now run through Vanderbilt Health and Wellness and are open to all University faculty and employees. The committee arranged a presentation to the faculty senate at the April 2009 meeting, and has facilitated several other School or Department level presentations. The committee should continue to keep this as a high profile effort so that the word spreads effectively throughout the institution.
Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom (PEAF) Committee  
Vanderbilt University Senate  
Report for Academic Year 2008-09  
Chair: Dan Reschly, Peabody (2010)

Committee members: Dan Reschly (Peabody), Chair; Frank Bloch (Law), Robert Bodenheimer (Engineering), Brian Christman (Medicine), William Collins (Arts and Science), Paul DeHart (Divinity), Howard Kirshner (Medicine), Jack Roberts (Medicine), Virginia Sheperd (Medicine), Claire Smrekar (Peabody).

1. Actual Grievances Heard. The prime charge of the PEAF Committee is to hear faculty grievances against the University except those related to promotion, tenure or termination. Virtually all of the Committee’s actual time in consultation and meeting this year was taken up with responding to actual grievances.

   a. The Committee deliberated and completed one grievance case during 2008-2009. PEAF Committee decisions are advisory to the Chancellor. The Chancellor concurred with the PEAF Committee decision. No meeting with the Chancellor was necessary since the Chancellor and Committee agreed concerning outcome of this grievance.

   b. Discussions between the PEAF Chair and two faculty members required a considerable amount of time. To this date, neither has filed a formal grievance, although one potential grievant expressed intent to file early in 2009-2010.

2. Due Process Protections in Investigations. An anonymous faculty member requested that PEAF examine the due process protections observed when the Opportunity Development Center (ODC) investigates charges of faculty misconduct. Initial inquiries were made, but no further action occurred. Further consideration of this issue by PEAF is recommended pending the appointment of a permanent Director of ODC. Connected to this inquiry is the issue of the communication of misconduct findings to committees considering faculty members for promotion and tenure. Apparently, misconduct findings are not routinely communicated to promotion and tenure committees.
SENATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Committee Members: Joy Calico, Malcolm Getz, Scott Hiebert, Larry LeBlanc, Charles Lukehart, Anne Moore, Cynthia Paschal, Tony Weil.

CHARGES 2008-2009

1. Review, and discuss with the Chancellor and members of the Board of Trust, ways in which the Faculty Senate might engage more fully in Shared Governance of University activities; these discussions would include, but not be limited to, the possibility of a Senator being appointed a member of the Board of Trust.

2. Evaluate the number and composition of present Senate committees to determine if any should be changed, added, or dropped.

3. Determine if a carry-over of nominations for University Awards from one year to another is allowable under the current guidelines of the University; if not, the Committee will consider a recommendation to allow such individuals to be renominated without having to go through the entire nomination process again.

1. Before any discussion with the Chancellor or members of the Board of Trust, it was decided that it would be prudent to survey peer institutions to determine how they shared governance with their BOTs. The following is a summary of the survey of peer institutions and their faculty representation on the Board of Trustees or equivalent:

An attempt was made to survey the following schools to determine the extent of Senate Faculty involvement on the BOT: Carnegie Mellon, Case Western, Cornell, Dartmouth, Duke, Emory, Johns Hopkins, MIT, Northwestern, Rochester, Washington University. I was unable to reach anyone at MIT; Johns Hopkins and Dartmouth do not appear to have a Faculty Senate or Faculty Council. I am not sure how governance between the faculty and BOT of the latter two schools is structured.

Participation on BOT ranged widely in the remaining eight peer institutions from no members on the BOT (Case Western, Rochester, Northwestern; individuals from these schools all expressed a strong desire, however, to have a senate member on the BOT) - to a Faculty Senate Member being a voting member of the BOT (Cornell). A number of the schools do have Faculty Senate Members or equivalent who are ex officio members of BOT (Wash. U., Carnegie Mellon). One University did not have faculty representation as a member of the BOT, but did have faculty serving on most BOT subcommittees (Duke).
At Emory, the Chair and the Chair-Elect of the Faculty Senate serve as *ex officio* members of the Academic Affairs subcommittee of the BOT, and faculty counselors (who may or may not be members of the Senate) sit on all subcommittees of the BOT except those on compensation and executive governing. Moreover, the Chair of the BOT speaks to the Senate on occasion, and the Chair and Chair-Elect are invited to one full board meeting a year; there appeared to be a very good working relationship between the BOT and the Faculty Senate. More than any of the other schools, there appeared to be a genuine satisfaction with the interaction between the Faculty Senate and BOT.

2. **There are currently 5 standing Senate committees (Academic Policies and Services; Faculty Life; Professional Ethics and Academic Freedom; Senate Affairs; Student Life).**

There was no strong feeling about a need to change by adding or subtracting the number of standing Senate committees. No further action was taken.

*Comment: Review of the standing Senate committees is probably of value and should be done periodically to ensure adequate coverage of issues important to the faculty and faculty/student interactions.*

3. **Suggestion on change of policy regarding carry-over nominations for University Awards.**

The Harvie Branscomb Distinguished Professor and Thomas Jefferson Faculty Awards are selected by the Chancellor after nominations are reviewed by the Consultative Committee of the Faculty Senate. The Alexander Heard Distinguished Service and Joe B. Wyatt Distinguished Professor Faculty Awards are also selected by the Chancellor, after review of nominations by the Executive or Consultative Committees of the Faculty Senate and recommendation by the Provost.

It has been suggested that individuals who are nominated for, but do not receive, these awards in a given year have their nomination packages automatically forwarded for consideration in the coming academic year.

After the meeting of 10/2/08 of the Faculty Senate Affairs Committee, it was generally agreed that individuals who have been nominated *may* have their nomination packages forwarded for one year if the following requirements are met: 1) a new cover letter, to accompany the previous letter, must be submitted by the nominator detailing any new or additional information relevant to the nominee’s qualification for the award; and 2) the nominee must submit an updated curriculum vitae.
We believe this will allow for qualified individuals to be considered for two consecutive years for a given Faculty Award. After the second year, a nominee would have to be re-nominated and would be required to submit a complete nomination package, including new internal and external letters if required, as well as any other documentation.

*Comment:* It was suggested that nominations for *ALL* of the awards be reviewed by one committee (for example the Consultative Committee) and then be forwarded to the Chancellor – in order to make this process more uniform and streamlined.
Final Report of the Student Life Committee of the Faculty Senate
2008-2009

April 14, 2009

Members: John Braxton (Chair), Bruce Barry (Executive Committee Liaison), Bridget Rogers, Richard Blackett, Bruce Oppenheimer, Richard Peck, Ann Price, Mavis Schorn, Sharon Shields, and Jack Sasson.

2008-2009 Charges: An Abbreviated Summary of the Charges of the 2008-2009 Student Life is as follows:

1. Assess the effectiveness of the online training module for student mental health across all schools at Vanderbilt, and the success of its implementation among faculty. Evaluate how Student Life might recommend that this module be amended to be more relevant for graduate and professional students.

2. Review the rate of and data on sexual assaults on campus, and the campus efforts to reduce the numbers.

3. Identify ways in which the Student Life Committee can augment the work of the Provost's Upper Class Experience Committee.

4. Monitor the implementation of the Student No Loan Program.

Primary Activities:

Because of the complexity of the issue of sexual assaults on campus, the Committee devoted all of its meetings during the 2008-2009 academic year to developing an understanding of this issue. The Committee learned that multiple units at Vanderbilt handle incidents of sexual assaults. These units include the Vanderbilt Police Department, Project Safe of the Women's Center, the Psychological and Counseling Center, Student Conduct and Academic Integrity Office, and Residence Life. More specifically, the Committee met with Lauren Brisky (outgoing Vice Chancellor for Administration), Marlon Lynch (outgoing Chief of Policy, Nicole Jordan (Office of Victim Intervention Education of the Vanderbilt Police Department), Patricia Helland (Acting Director of the Women's Center), Mark Bandas (Dean of Students), Rhoda Venable (Psychological and Counseling Center), Student Conduct and Integrity (Steve Caldwell) and Residence Life (Randy Tarkington).

"Motion: The Faculty Senate endorses the recommendation to establish a standing committee charged with coordinating various issues associated with sexual assaults put forth by the Student Life Committee:"
The Committee recommends that the Chancellor or the Provost establish a committee charged with coordinating various issues associated with sexual assaults on the campus of Vanderbilt University. This coordinating committee would be comprised of representatives of the various organizational units that handle incidents of sexual assaults and the chair of the Senate Student Life committee or a designee. These organizational units include the Vanderbilt Police Department, Project Safe of the Women’s Center, the Psychological and Counseling Center, Student Conduct and Academic Integrity Office, and Residence Life.

This Committee would coordinate efforts among the various units that address incidents of sexual assaults. In particular, the Student Life Committee urges that this committee address the issues of individuals suspected of being multiple offenders, reporting and monitoring sexual assault statistics, and educational programming that alerts all students to the definition of sexual assaults and its negative effect on victims. Such programming should begin early during the first year, but should be of continuous nature.”

**Possible Charges for the 2009-2010 Student Life Committee**

1. Continue to monitor issues associated with sexual assaults on campus.

2. Assess the effectiveness of the online training module for student mental health across all schools at Vanderbilt, and the success of its implementation among faculty. Evaluate how Student Life might recommend that this module be amended to be more relevant for graduate and professional schools.

3. Assess the effectiveness of the Student No Loan Program.

4. Identify ways in which the Student Life Committee can support the 2008-2009 recommendations and actions of the Provost’s Upper Class Experience Committee.