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**Proposed revision to Article III. Membership of Faculty Senate Bylaws**

**To be inserted as "Section 2. Duties"**

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**(Context for the proposed bylaws revision provided, with revised wording in blue below original text of Article III, Section 1).**

## **Bylaws of the Faculty Senate of Eastern Oregon University**

### **Article I. Name**

The name of this organization shall be the Eastern Oregon University Faculty Senate, hereinafter referred to as the Faculty Senate.

### **Article II. Purpose**

The purpose of the Faculty Senate is as follows.

1. To discuss and to take action as provided by Oregon law on any University issue the Faculty Senate deems necessary.
2. To make recommendations to the Provost on any issue of academic concern to Eastern Oregon University;
3. To consider and act upon the recommendations of the Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee, the Academic Standards Committee, and the Faculty Personnel Committee;
4. To review the actions of the University Council and if necessary, by majority vote, to request their reconsideration by the Council; and
5. To serve as the faculty voice for recommendations to the University President on any matter of concern to the University.

### **Article III. Membership**

**Section 1.** There shall be nineteen (19) voting members of the Faculty Senate as prescribed by Article IV, Section 1 of the Eastern Oregon University Constitution. The Provost, or his/her designee, shall be an *ex officio* member of the Faculty Senate without vote. Members shall serve in the Faculty Senate until their successors are elected.

#### **Section 2: Duties:**

##### **A. Representation:**

Members of the Faculty Senate shall seek the views of their constituents on matters to be brought before the senate, and present these views to the senate in its deliberations. Having exercised such responsibility, the members of the senate are free to vote on matters according to their own reasoned judgments. Senators will inform their constituents of the nature and outcomes of senate deliberations.

##### **B. Attendance:**

Given the importance of insuring active participation of all senators and fair representation of constituents, if a senator misses two senate meetings in a given quarter, the Senate President will consult with the senator about attendance, and may, after consultation with Senate officers and the electing group, declare the seat vacant.