

# SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON OF SENATE BY-LAWS: EXISTING BYLAWS & PROVOST'S DRAFT CHANGES

	<p><b>ACADEMIC SENATE BYLAWS</b></p>	
	<p><i>Original bylaws unanimously adopted by the Faculty Council on 23 April 1991.</i></p> <p><i>Article nine (9) unanimously approved 2 May 1991.</i></p> <p><i>Revisions unanimously approved 6 May 1993.</i></p> <p><i>Article three B (3 B) unanimously approved on 9 Dec. 2003.</i></p> <p><i>Article five (5) unanimously approved on 4 May, 2004.</i></p> <p><b><i>Both amendments approved by the Board of Trustees on 5 May, 2005.</i></b></p>	<p><b>Office of the Provost</b></p> <p><b>Academic Senate Bylaws as of 7/01/09</b></p> <p><b>DRAFT Revisions PB 11-21-2009</b></p>
1	<p><b>NAME OF ORGANIZATION</b></p> <p>Academic Senate</p>	<p><b>Name of organization</b></p> <p>Academic Senate</p>
2	<p><b>NATURE &amp; PURPOSE</b></p> <p><b>A. Nature of organization:</b> A faculty/administration governance body that will relate directly to the <b>President</b> and Provost without review by any other group.</p>	<p><b>Nature &amp; Purpose</b></p> <p>A. Nature of organization: A faculty/administration governance body that will relate directly to the Provost without review by any other group.</p>
	<p><b>B. Purpose:</b> To give faculty and chairs responsibilities <b>including, but not limited to, the following:</b></p>	<p>B. Purpose: To give faculty and chairs responsibilities as follows:</p>
	<p>a. <b>Approving academic policies and procedures;</b></p>	<p>a. Approval of new or substantially revised academic policies;</p>
	<p>b. <b>Reviewing structures of programs, curricula, and schools;</b></p>	<p>b. Review/comment on new programs, revised programs, and new courses</p>
	<p>c. <b>Providing for appropriate review of course additions and changes;</b></p>	

	d. <b>Reviewing academic services;</b>		c. Review/comment on academic services;
	e. Establishing committees on appropriate subjects;		d. Establishing committees on appropriate subjects;
	f. <b>Interviewing prospective deans, vice-presidents; provosts, and presidents;</b>		e. Interviewing, by the Senate Executive Committee, finalists for the positions of vice-president, provost, and president;
	g. <b>Appointing faculty members to Board standing committees;</b>		f. Appointing Senate representatives to Board of Trustees standing committees as permitted by New York State law;
	h. <b>Nominating Faculty Trustee;</b>		g. Nominating Senate representative(s) to the Board Trustees in accordance with their bylaws;
	i. <b>Formulating structure and procedures of search committees, and appointing faculty and chair membership.</b>		h. Participate in academic searches for Deans as defined in the Faculty Handbook.
3	<b>MEMBERSHIP</b> <b>A. Full-time Faculty:</b> At least one full-time faculty member from the Library Faculty and each of these schools of the Institute: Architecture, Art and Design, Graduate Information and Library Science, Liberal Arts and Sciences; in schools with more than 12 full-time faculty, a representative for each 12 or major fraction thereof. (Three-year terms)		<b>3. Membership</b> A. Full-time Faculty: At least one full-time faculty member from the Library Faculty and each of these schools of the Institute: Architecture, Art and Design, Graduate Information and Library Science, Liberal Arts and Sciences; in schools with more than 12 full-time faculty, a representative for each 12 or major fraction thereof. (Three-year terms)
	<b>B. Part-time Faculty:</b> Four part-time faculty members elected from the part-time faculty of the School of Art and Design; two part-time faculty members elected from the part-time faculty of the School of Architecture; one part-time faculty member elected from the rest of the part-time faculty (the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the School of Information and Library Science, and the Library). [These numbers represent a current proportional representation from the schools of Architecture and of Art and Design and from the remaining faculty at large, the ratio being approximately 1 to 120.] (Three-year terms)		B. Part-time Faculty: Four part-time faculty members elected from the part-time faculty of the School of Art and Design; two part-time faculty members elected from the part-time faculty of the School of Architecture; one part-time faculty member elected from the rest of the part-time faculty (the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the School of Information and Library Science, and the Library). [These numbers represent a current proportional representation from the schools of Architecture and of Art and Design and from the remaining faculty at large, the ratio being approximately 1 to 120.] (Three-year terms)

	<p><b>C. Chairs:</b> One chair from each of the undergraduate and graduate units of the Institute having chairs (Undergraduate Architecture, Graduate Architecture, Undergraduate Art and Design, Graduate Art and Design, Liberal Arts and Sciences). (Three-year terms)</p>	<p>C. Chairs: One chair from each of the undergraduate and graduate units of the Institute having chairs (Undergraduate Architecture, Graduate Architecture, Undergraduate Art and Design, Graduate Art and Design, Liberal Arts and Sciences). (Three-year terms)</p>
	<p><b>D. Alternate member:</b> In the event that a Senate position becomes vacated, the person receiving the next highest vote for that position will become the representative, provided that the voting body and the pool of potential nominees remains the same. An interim election will be held if either the voting body or the pool of potential nominees has changed significantly.</p>	<p>D. Alternate member: In the event that a Senate position becomes vacated, the person receiving the next highest vote for that position will become the representative, provided that the voting body and the pool of potential nominees remains the same. An interim election will be held if either the voting body or the pool of potential nominees has changed significantly.</p>
4	<p><b>ELIGIBILITY FOR MEMBERSHIP</b></p> <p>A. Faculty: Full-time, adjunct, and visiting faculty.</p> <p>B. Chairs: Those who teach regularly scheduled classes in their subject areas.</p>	<p><b>Eligibility for membership:</b></p> <p>A. Faculty: Full-time, adjunct, and visiting faculty.</p> <p>B. Chairs: Those who teach regularly scheduled classes in their subject areas.</p>
5	<p><b>OFFICERS OF THE ORGANIZATION</b></p> <p>President; Vice-President; Secretary; Treasurer.</p> <p>A. These officers (who serve three-year terms) constitute the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate. They are elected by secret ballot.</p> <p>B. The Executive Committee has the authority to act when the Senate is not in regular session.</p> <p>C. If the President is chosen from among the members of the Senate (as opposed to the faculty-at-large), the replacement shall be the alternate member. (see 3D.)</p>	<p><b>Officers of the organization:</b></p> <p>President; Vice-President; Secretary; Treasurer.</p> <p>A. These officers (who serve three-year terms) constitute the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate. They are elected by secret ballot.</p> <p>B. The Executive Committee has the authority to act when the Senate is not in regular session.</p> <p>C. If the President is chosen from among the members of the Senate (as opposed to the faculty-at-large), the replacement shall be the alternate member. (see 3D.)</p>
6	<p><b>STANDING COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>Standing committees of the Academic Senate will be established, as needed, by the Academic Senate.</p>	<p><b>Standing Committees:</b></p> <p>Standing committees of the Academic Senate will be established, as needed, by the Academic Senate.</p>

7	<p><b>AMENDMENTS</b></p> <p>Amendments to the bylaws may be proposed at any time, but will be voted on no earlier than the eighth (8th) week of the following Fall or Spring semester. Passage requires seventy-five per cent (75%) of the members of the Academic Senate voting in a secret, written ballot. Approved amendments become effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees.</p>	<p><b>Amendments:</b></p> <p>Amendments to the bylaws may be proposed at any time, but will be voted on no earlier than the eighth (8th) week of the following Fall or Spring semester. Passage requires seventy-five per cent (75%) of the members of the Academic Senate voting in a secret, written ballot. Approved amendments become effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees.</p>
8	<p><b>QUORUM</b></p> <p>Quorum for Academic Senate meetings: Sixty percent (60%) of the elected members.</p>	<p><b>Quorum:</b></p> <p>Quorum for Academic Senate meetings: Sixty percent (60%) of the elected members.</p>
9	<p><b>MEETINGS</b></p> <p>A. Regular meetings will be held biweekly during the Fall and Spring Semesters, or as often as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.</p>	<p><b>Meetings:</b></p> <p>A. Regular meetings will be held biweekly during the Fall and Spring Semesters, or as often as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.</p>
	<p>B. The Academic Senate will convene at least once, after the eighth week of each of the semesters, Fall and Spring, a meeting of the faculty and chairs, presided over by the President of the Academic Senate.</p>	<p>B. The Academic Senate will convene at least once, after the eighth week of each of the semesters, Fall and Spring, a meeting of the faculty and chairs, presided over by the President of the Academic Senate.</p>
	<p>Reports on:</p> <p>a. issues confronting the Institute and</p> <p>b. academic governance will be made by the <b>President of Pratt Institute</b> and the President of the Academic Senate.</p>	<p>Reports on:</p> <p>a. issues confronting the Institute and</p> <p>b. academic governance will be made by the Provost of Pratt Institute and the President of the Academic Senate.</p>
10	<p><b>RULES</b></p> <p>The rules contained in the Modern Edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Academic Senate in all cases where they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Senate may adopt.</p>	<p><b>Rules:</b></p> <p>The rules contained in the <i>Modern Edition of Robert's Rules of Order</i> shall govern the Academic Senate in all cases where they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Senate may adopt.</p>