

PRESIDENT: Dave Blakesley

AGENDA

Date: March 12, 2024 **Time:** 2:30 p.m.

Location: Madren Center Auditorium

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. SPECIAL ORDERS

- a. Status of the University Libraries; Dean Christopher Cox
- b. Clemson Give Day; Allison Addison, Director, Donor Engagement
- c. Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees, Brian Powell

3. REPORT

- a. Robert H. Jones, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost
- b. Standing Committees
 - i. Welfare Committee; Chair Billy Terry
 - ii. Finance Committee; Chair Greg Cranmer
 - iii. Scholastic Policies Committee; Chair John DesJardins.
 - iv. Research and Scholarship and Creative Endeavors Committee; Jessica Larsen
 - v. Policy Committee; Chair Sarah White
- c. University Committees/ Commissions
 - i. Committee on Committees; Chair Fran McGuire
- d. Faculty Representative to the Board of Trustees; Brian Powell
- e. President's Report

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. FSR 202401 Dissolution of the Convention of the Delegates
- b. **BALLOT:** Faculty Senate Officers

Vice President/President Elect: Lauren Duffy, Secretary: Jennifer Holland, Neil Calkin

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- 1. Convention of the Delegates Meeting: March 14th, 2:30 pm
- 2. Advisory Committee Meeting: March 26th, 2:30 pm
- 3. Executive Committee Meeting: April 2nd, 2:30 pm
- 4. Faculty Senate Orientation, Transition Meeting, and Reception: April 9th, 10:00am-6:30pm



2 FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 202401

Welfare Committee Approval: February 20, 2024 Faculty Senate Consideration (proposed): April 9, 2024

Topic: "Dissolution of the Convention of the Delegates"

Whereas, the *Bylaws of the Clemson University Faculty Senate* establish provisions for representative voice of faculty not eligible for participation on the Faculty Senate through the appointment of Delegates and their participation in the Convention of the Delegates; and

Whereas, the Board of Trustees approved, in October 2023, the faculty proposal to amend the *Constitution of the Faculty of Clemson University* that expanded the definition of "faculty" to include those not eligible to serve to be eligible for election to the Senate; and

Whereas, the Convention of the Delegates approved CODR 202401 to recommend the dissolution of the Convention of the Delegates and remove the delegate appointment process; and

Whereas, the Welfare Committee considered this request and concurs with the discussion points and recommendations in CODR 202401; it is therefore

Resolved, that the *Bylaws of the Clemson University Faculty Senate* Article VI§1 be amended to <u>strike</u> the word, "delegates", and <u>insert</u> the words, "appointed in each college", after the word, "senators"; and it is

Resolved, that the *Bylaws of the Clemson University Faculty Senate* Article VI§2 be amended to strike the words, "or selection", and strike the words, "and VIII"; and it is

Resolved, that the *Bylaws of the Clemson University Faculty Senate* be amended to strike Article VIII: Convention of the Delegates, in its entirety.

This resolution will become effective upon approval by the Clemson University Faculty Senate.

FINAL PROPOSED LANGUAGE

ARTICLE VI: College Delegation

Section 1. Membership. The College Delegation is comprised of Senators <u>appointed in</u> each college, *Delegates and Alternates*.

Section 2. Membership Eligibility. Membership is by official election *or selection* as outlined in Articles III *and VIII*.

ARTICLE VIII: Convention of the Delegates

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of the Convention of the Delegates is to serve as a forum for shared governance, specifically special faculty. The Convention of the Delegates shall be empowered to develop those procedural bylaws which facilitate the achievement of its purposes.

Section 2. Membership. Members of the Convention of the Delegates shall be conferred the title of "Delegate" by the Faculty Senate Advisory Committee. All special rank faculty except adjunct faculty, temporary lecturers, visiting lecturers, and postdoctoral researchers are eligible for membership. The Faculty Senate Vice-President shall be granted ex-officio, non-voting membership to serve as an advisor to the Convention of the Delegates and will attend each meeting.

Section 3. Election and Terms of Office. The College Delegation has the authority to decide the mechanism by which the delegate seats are filled and will notify the Faculty Senate of the delegate representatives by May 15. Delegates serve one-year renewable terms, beginning August 1. Delegate seats will be allocated to the ratio of the number of eligible persons in a college to the total number of members in the university. Each college will have as many seats as are in the nearest whole number when its ratio is multiplied by the total number of seats in the Convention of the Delegates, provided each college has at least one seat. For the purposes of this calculation, the Library is considered a college. If the total number of seats allocated thus far is less than the total number of seats in the Convention of the Delegates, the remaining seats are allocated to the colleges with the larger fractions. If this formation produces an exact tie for a seat, each college involved will be awarded a seat. The Faculty Senate President will obtain a new allocation from the Chairperson of the Faculty during October of every odd-numbered year after the most recent allocation. This allocation will be given to the Lead Senator of each college in time for the annual selection process and who will control the numbers selected for the Convention of Delegates at that time.