

# UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FACULTY SENATE

Newsletter  
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4200 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20008

## MESSAGE FROM THE FACULTY SENATE CHAIR

I hope each of you had a wonderful summer. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as Chair of the Faculty Senate for the 2014-15 Academic Year along with: Brenda Brown, Vice Chair; Barbara Harvey, Secretary; and a dynamic team of senators.

The Senate Officers and I expect our greatest contribution this year to be the provision of a structure that will enable senators to focus on making the best decisions possible. We hope to do this by listening, translating your concerns into action, and building consensus to implement needed changes. In that regard, I am encouraged to report that we are ready to celebrate some recent successes and to collectively address upcoming challenges for this academic school year.

Shared governance requires participation of all faculty members, not just senators. Therefore, I am asking for your active assistance in conducting the important work of our faculty senate that will move our organization forward. This work cannot be accomplished without functioning committees. Therefore, I am asking each of you to sign up to serve on at least one of the seven senate committees. (see page 3 for a list of Senate committees)

## FACULTY SENATE CHARTER

The Faculty Senate is part of the shared governance structure of the University of the District of Columbia and is an essential right and responsibility of a

scholarly community. The Faculty Senate is a governing body with sufficient autonomy to (a) assure the academic integrity of the institution and (b) fulfill policy and resource development responsibilities consistent with the mission of the institution. Through duly constituted legislative processes, the Faculty Senate provides a mechanism by which faculty exercise a fundamental role in academic decision-making, implementation and preservation of academic standards, and promotion of student welfare. The interdependence and cooperation of the institution's administration, faculty and governing board are essential to legitimate and effective governance.

For a complete copy of the charter, visit:

[http://www.udc.edu/senate/charter\\_and\\_bylaws\\_faculty\\_senate](http://www.udc.edu/senate/charter_and_bylaws_faculty_senate)

## FACULTY SENATE BYLAWS

The terms of office shall be:

- Elected representatives shall each serve a term of two years.
- Elected representatives may not serve more than two consecutive terms. After serving two consecutive terms, elected representatives shall not be eligible for re-election or to fill vacant or unexpired terms for a period of two years.
- A full-time member of the departmental University faculty who does not hold an administrative appointment or serve as de-

partment chair shall be eligible to serve as an elected faculty representative.

- Vacancies shall be filled by special election and shall be for the remainder of the term of the replaced representative.
- A faculty representative who transfers from a department shall be ineligible to continue to serve as a representative of the department from which the faculty representative transferred.

#### Elections:

Elections to the FS and for leadership positions in the FS will be held thusly:

- Department / College elections of Senators shall be held in the month of April. Duly elected Senators shall take their seats at the first regular FS meeting in May.
- All full-time faculty members who hold faculty rank in a department are eligible to vote in an election for faculty representatives in that department.

For a complete copy of the bylaws, visit

[http://www.udc.edu/senate/charter\\_and\\_bylaws\\_faculty\\_senate](http://www.udc.edu/senate/charter_and_bylaws_faculty_senate)

## **FACULTY SENATE ACTIONS AND UDC ADMINISTRATION RESPONSE, AY 2013-2014**

*Note: Only the Senate approved resolutions are printed here. For background information for each resolution, please consult the committee reports.*

**ASPPC-01142014:** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University administration, in accordance with system and in the spirit of shared governance, should select a chair [of the self-study committee recommended by the Faculty Senate. (Response from Administration pending; Helene Krauthamer was appointed as a consultant)]

**ASPPC-02112014:** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate does not approve the pilot program nor any modifications, as put forward by the Committee on General Education. (Response from Administration pending)

**ASPPC-04082014:** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate of the University of the District of Columbia does approve the submitted proposal [the Bio-Medical Engineering] with the following changes:

1. The submitting department should reduce the proposed required number of credit hours required from 128 to 125.
2. One of the Technical elective should be a 3-credit hour integrated course in organic chemistry, environmental science, and modern physics.  
[To be submitted by the VPAA to the Board for approval]

**ASPPC-05062014:** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the administration should: (1) implement the motion from 1/8/2013, "that the university wide requirements as were accredited under the Middle States [2004] should remain operational and in force and until such time as new courses under the pilot general education program have been fully reviewed and approved by the Faculty Senate." (Response from Administration pending)

**ASPPC-05062014-2:** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that "University College" or some other appropriate name should be substituted for the names "UDC-CC" and "CCDC" in all University administrative and promotional materials. (Response from Administration pending)

**ASPPC-05062014-1:** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the ASPPC should appoint a committee consisting of faculty members and appropriate administrators to develop policies and procedures regarding course offerings during the Summer terms. (Response from Administration pending)

**ARC-02142014:** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of the District of Columbia should amend its policy on dropping students from their classes after the semester has started. Instead of dropping students from their classes during the semester that they already have started, the University should allow students to continue during the semester and consider placing holds on students' accounts for the next semester for non-payment of their accounts. (Response from Administration pending)

**ARC-02142014:** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of the District of Columbia, with the assistance of faculty in the STEM disciplines and the English department, should initiate and provide funding for a 6-8 week summer program to reduce and/or eliminate the need of remedial math, English, and reading courses as tested by post-*Accuplacer* for as many entering students as possible. (Response from Administration pending)

**BC-03112014:** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of the District of Columbia administration should present its operating budget to the city council in two parts: (1) a Designated Academic Budget, that when funded will be utilized specifically for academic activities, and (2) an Administrative Budget, that will document and justify to the District of Columbia City Council the funding required to administer the university properly. [Response from Administration pending]

**BC-05062014-1:** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of the District of Columbia administration appoint a joint committee of faculty, staff, and administrators to delineate the costs of every position on the university's manning chart into two categories of academic and administrative costs (Response from Administration pending)

**BC-05062014-2:** THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University of the District of Columbia administration utilize exclusively the internal personnel resources of faculty, staff, and ad-

ministration of the university in search processes for deans, the provost, and the president. (Response from Administration pending)

## FACULTY SENATE COMMITTEES

1. Admission and Retention Committee (ARC)
2. Academic Standards Programs and Policies Committee (ASPPC)
3. Charter and Bylaws Committee (CBC)
4. Graduate Council (GC)
5. UDC-CC Committee
6. Budget Committee (BC)
7. Research and Development Committee (RDC)

## FACULTY SENATE OFFICERS

**Chair,** Arlene King-Berry, CAS

**Vice Chair,** Brenda E. Brown, UDC-CC

**Secretary,** Barbara Harvey, CAUSES

## FACULTY SENATORS, AY 2014-15

Genell Anderson

Leroy Barton, Jr.

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Brenda Brown, Vice Chair

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Rosie A.Sneed  
Les Vermillion  
Philicia Wilson-Jefferson  
Ahmet Zeytinci  
Three Student Representatives

**Next Faculty Senate Meeting:**

**September 9, 2014 - 2:00-4:00 PM**