

# Article II: Authority and Functions of the Faculty

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## Section 1. Meetings

- A. Regular Meeting. The Faculty Senate will call a regular meeting of the faculty each April to give its annual report and to receive nominations for representatives and alternates to the Faculty Senate.
- B. Special Meetings. Special faculty meetings may be called by the president of the University, the Faculty Senate, or the chair of the Faculty Senate on petition of one half of the voting members of the faculty.

## Section 2. Legislative Authority

The faculty, acting through the Faculty Senate, shall have the legislative authority to develop and propose policies governing:

- A. The curriculum and the requirements for academic degrees.
- B. Academic standards.
- C. The library.
- D. Student conduct and discipline, in collaboration with student representatives.
- E. Faculty welfare, conduct, and discipline.
- F. Faculty tenure and promotions. Such proposed policies shall be recommended to the administration and the Board of Trustees for approval and implementation.

## Section 3. Resolution Authority

The faculty may express by formal resolution its opinion on any question relating to the administration of the University of Southern Indiana as prescribed in Article II of the By-laws.

## Section 4. Review and Interpretation Authority

The faculty shall have the authority to review and to interpret policies on the matters enumerated in Article II, Section 2 of this Constitution, as prescribed in Article III of the By-laws.

## Section 5. Veto Authority

The faculty shall have the power to veto any action of the Faculty Senate in accordance with the following procedures:

- A. A special faculty meeting will be called in a manner provided in Article II of this Constitution. The action of the Faculty Senate in question will be discussed at this special meeting. Any member of the faculty or guests will have the right to speak for or against the action.
- B. Within two weeks after the special faculty meeting, the chair of the Faculty Senate will prepare a ballot, which will be distributed to each voting member of the faculty for voting purposes. The ballot will provide a vote "for the exercise of faculty veto" and "against the exercise of faculty veto."
- C. Ballots will be returned to the chair of the Faculty Senate within one week of the date on which they were distributed to the voting members of the faculty.

- D. A faculty veto will take effect if a majority of the voting membership of the faculty votes for the exercise of faculty veto.