Your ideas are sought at the University Senate

The University Senate has 137 members representing faculty, administration and students convening seven times a year at meetings chaired by the President of the Ohio State University. The Board of Trustees delegates to the Senate authority over educational and academic policy. You can learn more about this at http://senate.osu.edu/?page_id=3. All members of the university community (students, staff, faculty, administrators) are welcome to propose ideas to the University Senate. Those ideas have the potential for approval and implementation by the Ohio State Board of Trustees.

Your Proposal to the University Senate

- Any electronic format or use the proposal template at http://senate.osu.edu/proposal
- Name, affiliation, title, issue and proposed idea. Contact Recording Secretary Josh Gillespie.85 or call 2-2423

University Senate Office

- Send it to SENATE@OSU.EDU
- Contact Senate Secretary Tim Gerber.4 or 2-2423

Steering Committee

- 14 members refer ideas to standing committees and place mature concepts on the Senate agenda
- See http://senate.osu.edu/?page_id=239 or contact Steering Chair Ken Lee.133

University Senate

- 70 elected faculty, 41 elected students, and 26 administrative senators.
- Open meetings where you are a non-voting observer: http://senate.osu.edu/SenateAY2014Calendar.pdf

Board of Trustees

- 19 members appointed by the Governor
- Open meetings at Longaberger Alumni House, call 2.6359 or see http://trustees.osu.edu

Submissions are welcome at any time. Depending on complexity, it may take a full academic year to work through this system. Thank you for your interest in university governance.

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Proposal
Any university community member, committee, council, or senator.

University Senate Office
Secretary Timothy Gerber
Josh Gillespie

Senate Faculty Leadership
Council Chair, Council Chair-Elect,
Steering Chair, Senate Secretary

Steering Committee
Sets the Senate agenda, meeting
11/year [14 members]

Faculty Council
Represent the university faculty, advisory votes
[70 members]

Rules Committee
Only if there is a
proposed change in the
rules. [10 members]

Faculty Cabinet
All Senate Committee
Chairs, Council Chair calls
meetings [20 members]

Senate Committee
Steering must refer any
substantive proposal to the
appropriate committee

University Senate
Meeting at least 7 times per year.
[137 members]

Board of Trustees
Implement policies meeting 5 times
yearly [19 members]

Legislative Service Commission
Writes the proposal into law:
http://codes.ohio.gov/orc/3335

Key
Organizing Committees
Defined by 3335-5-47-A

Substantive proposals
Routine proposals
Housekeeping Issues
Special Meeting

Substantive proposals
are sent to Committees,
Rules, Cabinet or Council
as needed.

The senate agenda is
set by steering with
input from committees,
cabinet or council.

Routine proposals may
be placed on the agenda

Corrections to rules such as
grammar or obsolete text go
directly to the Trustees

Special senate meetings are
called by majority vote, the
president, steering, or petition.

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