

3335-5-48.9 Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility

Synopsis: Updating the University Senate Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility membership to add a staff member and an additional faculty member, create a chair-elect position, and to clarify terms of service to ensure that sufficient numbers of members are available during summers.

WHEREAS staff are essential members of the university who should be able to participate in shared governance and on the Committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility, and

WHEREAS the Committee on Academic Freedom often has work during the summer period when some faculty may be unavailable, and

WHEREAS terms of service were not previously described in the Faculty Rules, and

WHEREAS the committee on Academic Freedom and Responsibility did not have a plan for continuity of leadership, and

WHEREAS non-faculty employees engaged in teaching and research maybe affected by issues related to academic freedom or responsibility, and

WHEREAS the proposed language adds a staff member, a faculty member, a chair-elect position, provides clarity to terms of service, and who may be affected by academic freedom or responsibility, and

WHEREAS the Rules Committee approved this resolution and proposed language following its meeting on April 3, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this revision to Rule **3335-5-48.9** be approved by the University Senate and respectfully request concurrence of the Board of Trustees effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees.