

Longwood University Faculty Senate  
**PROPOSAL/POLICY COVER  
SHEET**

This cover sheet is intended to provide information to members of the Faculty Senate about a new proposal/policy or about revisions to an existing proposal/policy. **If you are proposing a new policy, then attach the text of the policy to this form. If you are proposing a change to an existing policy, then attach the text of the current policy with any deleted language marked by a strikethrough and with new language marked by an underline. If you are deleting a policy, then attach the text of the policy to be deleted.**

**COMMITTEE(S)** that authored or sponsored this proposal: Faculty Senate Executive Committee

**TOPIC:** Change to Faculty Senate by-Laws, Article IV section 1 (Officers)

**BACKGROUND** (Provide a brief statement describing the origins of this proposal, the nature of the problem it addresses, and the work completed to devise the proposal):

The Executive Committee was asked to consider changing the requirements for membership on the Executive Committee. It has been suggested that members of Executive Committee should be tenured faculty members. Proposed language includes a tenure requirement for the chair and vice-chair and tenure preferred for other at-large members.

**SUMMARY OF NEW POLICY OR PROPOSED CHANGES OR DELETIONS TO AN EXISTING POLICY** (Provide a brief list or statement describing the content of the policy or the proposed changes or deletions):

**ARTICLE IV -- OFFICERS**

**Section 1.** The voting members of the Senate shall elect from their ranks a chair, ~~deputy vice~~ chair, and three members who, along with the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, shall serve as the Executive Committee of the Senate. This Executive Committee must have at least one member from each of the three academic colleges. ~~The chair and vice chair must be tenured faculty. The other members of the Executive Committee will preferably be tenured faculty.~~

**RATIONALE FOR THE POLICY OR PROPOSED CHANGES** (Provide a brief statement as to why the new policy, the changes, or the deletion is needed):

Members of the Executive Committee regularly interact with Administration (specifically, the PVPAA and the President of the University), sometimes about contentious issues. In part, the proposed changes are made to protect the status of an untenured faculty member

when contentious issues are discussed with administrators, and in part to protect an untenured faculty member's time. Additionally, institutional knowledge and history is often beneficial when participating in policy discussions.

**Routing information and signature lines:**

Date submitted to Senate Executive Committee for Consideration:

Action(s) Taken:

Date first read at Faculty Senate:

Action(s) Taken:

Date final action taken by Faculty Senate:

Action(s) Taken:

Senate Chair: \_\_\_\_\_

Date submitted to the PVPAA (within 5 working days of Senate approval):

Action(s) Taken:

PVPAA: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date submitted to other administration:

Action(s) Taken:

Administrator: \_\_\_\_\_

Date (within 15 working days of PVPAA's signature): \_\_\_\_\_

Date submitted to the Board of Visitors: