

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:

Graduate Council

TOPIC: Faculty Senate Membership

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 Graduate Student Advisory Council (GSAC) was formed eight years ago to provide a forum for Graduate Students at Longwood University and to represent their concerns and issues. Since that time, they have undertaken to expand and develop the representation of Graduate Students on campus, and having an *ex-officio* seat on Faculty Senate seems like the logical next step.

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):

Current FPPM Copy:

SECTION VI. GOVERNANCE

A: By-Laws of the Longwood Faculty Senate

Article III – Membership

Section 2. Ex-Officio Members. The president of the University, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (PVPAA), Vice President for Administration and Finance, Vice President for Student Affairs, Academic Deans, a Representative chosen by the Graduate Council, Faculty Representative to the Board of Visitors, and a student Representative chosen by the Student Government, shall be ex-officio members and enjoy full floor privileges, including the making of motions, on all matters before the Senate.

Proposed Changes:

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

Graduate Students are a unique population at Longwood whose concerns and issues should be represented at Faculty Senate equally to those of Undergraduate students, who currently have one *ex-officio* representative. Faculty Senate suggested this change last spring. The graduate student *ex-officio* member can provide more information about how some votes would affect graduate students that may not be considered if this voice is not heard.

Date submitted to Senate Executive Committee for Consideration: Oct 1, 2015

Action(s) Taken: Referred to Oct 8, 2015, Senate Meeting

Date first read at Faculty Senate: October 8, 2015

Action(s) Taken: Proposal approved. Recommend change to general faculty at the March 24, 2016, meeting since it involves a by-laws change.

Date final action taken by Faculty Senate:

Final action(s) Taken: