

# Report of The Task Force on Faculty Governance

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# Revising Faculty Governance

## Major Goals

- “Improve Quality of Decisions” – President Simmons
- Greater Engagement of Faculty in Governance
- Clear Assignment of Responsibility
  - To Faculty for Self-Governance
  - To Administrative Advisory Boards for Shared Decision Making



# Faculty Governance Task Force

## Members

- John Savage, *Computer Science* (Chair)
- Nancy Armstrong, *English* (Vice Chair)
- Russell Church, *Psychology*
- Anne Fausto-Sterling, *Molecular, Cellular Biology, Biochemistry*
- Richard Fishman, *Visual Art*
- Peter Gromet, *Geological Sciences*
- Rajiv Vohra, *Economics*
- Michael White, *Sociology*

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## Objectives

- Reduce Faculty Burden (237 slots today!)
- Consolidate Committees (44 comms today!)
- Streamline Structure; Retain Key Functions
- Give Faculty Role in Setting Academic Policy
- Reflect Diversity in the Faculty
- Details on Proposed Structure
  - 12 faculty committees + BioMed; about 70 slots
  - 9 administrative advisory boards; at least 36 slots
  - Number committees & slots reduced by about 50%



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## Proposed New Faculty Committees

- Academic Priorities Committee (APC)
- Faculty Executive Committee (FEC) (Revised)
- Faculty Affairs Committee (FAC)
- Nominations Committee for the FEC (NCFEC)
- Tenure, Promotion, and Appointment (TPA)
- University Curriculum Committee (UCC)
- University Resources Committee (URC) (Provost)

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## Continuing Committees

- Honorary Degrees
- University Disciplinary Council
- Standing Committee on Academic Code
- Presidential Advisory Committee on Corporate Responsibility in Investment
- John Carter Brown Library Faculty Liaison
- Medical Bodies



# Proposed Administrative Advisory Boards

## **Board**

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Advisory Board on Diversity  
Benefits Advisory Board  
Campus Planning & Resources Board  
College Council  
Computing Advisory Board  
Faculty Development  
Graduate Council  
Library & Info Resources Board  
Research Advisory Board

## **Administrator**

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Senior Administrator  
VP Administration  
VPs Administration/Planning  
Dean of College  
Vice President CIS  
Dean of the Faculty  
Dean of the Graduate School  
University Librarian  
Vice President for Research

Chair: Senior Officer; Vice Chair: Faculty Member;  
Members: Faculty/Students/Admin, as appropriate.

# Faculty Governance

## Discussions/Presentations

- 9/3 This presentation
- 9/10 Faculty Forum
- 9/24 FEC Reviews Draft Rules Language
- 10/1 Faculty Reviews Draft Rules Language
- 11/5 Vote by Faculty
- For more detail see website at
  - <http://facgov.brown.edu/taskforce.html>