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FACULTY SENATE CONSTITUTION REVISIONS AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Action Requested: Consider recommending approval to the Board of the revisions to the Iowa State University Faculty Senate Constitution.

Executive Summary: The General Faculty is responsible to, and is chaired by, the university president. The Faculty Senate was created by the General Faculty to conduct its business. The ISU Faculty Senate Council on Governance reviews its governance documents, including the Faculty Senate Constitution, every five years. According to the Constitution, final approval of major changes must be submitted to the Board of Regents for approval. The revisions have been approved by the General Faculty, the provost, and the president and are being presented by the president for Board consideration.

Background: The following are major changes in the Constitution:

- ◆ The definition of “general faculty” was revised to include non-tenure-eligible appointments.
- ◆ The term “educational” was changed to “academic” to reflect the breadth of faculty responsibilities.
- ◆ The definition of the faculty senate policies and procedures was clarified to include faculty promotion and tenure.
- ◆ The Constitution was expanded to include a procedure to resolve differences regarding the advisory function of the faculty senate – “In the event that the university president does not approve a recommendation from the senate, the university president will inform the senate in writing of the reasons for his or her objections and every effort will be made by each party to resolve the differences.”

Details about the ISU Faculty Senate Constitution revisions are on file in the Board Office.