

***CONSTITUTION OF THE FACULTY
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA***

Throughout the Constitution references to “Constitution” or “Faculty Senate” or “Faculty Senator” or “Senate Executive Committee” refer to “University of South Florida Faculty Constitution,” “University of South Florida Faculty Senate” or “University of South Florida Faculty Senator” or “University of South Florida Faculty Senate Executive Committee.”

ARTICLE I. General Faculty

A. Definition

The general faculty of the University of South Florida shall consist of all full-time faculty members with the rank of Lecturer, Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, Instructor Librarian, Assistant Librarian, Associate Librarian, or Librarian. Full time is defined as 100 percent for 9 months or at least 75 percent for 12 months; temporary reductions in percent of effort due to insufficient funding are not germane.

Visiting, adjunct, or courtesy faculty, regardless of rank or duration of appointment, are not counted as members of the general faculty.

Faculty members who hold administrative appointments beyond the department level, such as president, provost, regional chancellor, senior vice president, executive vice president, associate vice president, assistant vice president, vice provost, regional vice chancellor, dean, associate dean, assistant dean, or similar other positions and titles, and persons acting in the above capacities are not counted as members of the general faculty for the duration of their administrative appointments. Department chairs and directors of academic departments or department-equivalents are members of the general faculty.

B. Meetings

The general faculty of the University of South Florida shall meet at least annually in the fall semester of each academic year. At this annual meeting, the Provost shall present a general message to the faculty on the state of the University of South Florida. The general faculty may meet at other times upon the call of the President of the Faculty Senate.

ARTICLE II. Faculty Senate

A. Function

The Faculty Senate is the primary faculty advisory body to the University of South Florida President, Provost, and Senior Vice President for USF Health on all matters that pertain to the academic climate of the university. The Senate has the responsibility to review and make recommendations to them considering decisions on all matters pertaining to the welfare of the University, focusing particularly on those pertaining to the academic mission.

The Senate may initiate discussion and take a position on any subject of University concern, and may recommend policies on these matters to the President, either directly or through its committees and councils. The Senate recommends faculty members to serve on University-wide committees/councils and appoints faculty members to serve on Faculty Senate committees/councils; these latter committees/councils carry out much of the work of the Senate. The Senate will have a significant role in the appointment of academic administrators, as well as the periodic performance reviews of such administrators.

B. Jurisdiction

The Faculty Senate shall serve as the main channel of communication between the general faculty and the central administration of the University of South Florida, including the President of the University of South Florida, the Provost, and the Senior Vice President for USF Health.

D. Apportionment

1. Formulation

2. Standing Committees. There shall be standing committees of the Faculty Senate to expedite the efficient functioning of the Faculty Senate and its affairs. Committees and membership selection shall be made in accordance with the *Bylaws*.
3. Ad Hoc Committees. The Faculty Senate may establish ad hoc committees as needed, as specified in the *Bylaws*.

B. Faculty Senate Councils

There shall be standing Faculty Senate Councils that provide advice directly to the USF administration on matters within the jurisdiction of the Faculty Senate. Faculty Senate Council formation, membership selection, and governance by the Faculty Senate shall be in accordance with the *Bylaws*.

C. University-Wide Committees and Councils

There shall be standing University-Wide Committees and Councils that deal with University matters outside the jurisdiction of the Faculty Senate but that have faculty membership. University-Wide Committee faculty membership selection and governance by the Faculty Senate shall be in accordance with the *Bylaws*.

ARTICLE IV. Amendments

ARTICLE V. Compliance

The provisions of this *Constitution* shall not be construed in any manner so as to conflict with the laws of the State of Florida, the policies of the Board of Governors or the Board of Trustees, or contractual agreements between the Board of Trustees and bargaining agents.