

Resolution 2025-05 in Support of A&S Senate Departmental and Senators-At-Large Serving on Standing Committees¹

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Whereas, the active participation of Senators in the governance process is essential to the effective functioning of the A&S Senate and the University Senate; and

Whereas, standing committees play a crucial role in the decision-making and policy development processes within the Senate; and

Whereas, the inclusion of departmental and Senators-At-Large on standing committees ensures diverse perspectives, equitable representation, and a more robust decision-making process; and

Whereas, serving on standing committees provides Senators with the opportunity to contribute directly to the deliberation and implementation of policies that impact the University community; and

Whereas, the engagement of Senators on committees strengthens communication, collaboration, and accountability within the Senate structure;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the A&S Senate welcomes and supports the voluntary participation of Departmental Senators and Senators-At-Large to consider serving on at least one standing committee within the A&S Senate or the University Senate during their term, in a manner that aligns with their interests, availability, and willingness to participate; and

Be it further resolved, that each Senator may:

1. Select a standing committee to be nominated for, or fill an existing vacancy in accordance with their interests and expertise.
2. Actively participate in committee meetings, discussions, and initiatives.
3. Provide regular updates on their committee's activities to their academic departments as appropriate.

Be it further resolved, that the Membership Committee shall develop and recommend any necessary procedural amendments to facilitate the implementation of this policy; and

Be it finally resolved, that the A&S Senate shall provide orientation and resources to support Senators in fulfilling their committee responsibilities effectively.

Referred to Committee by the A&S Senate on April 14, 2025.

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