**3356-10-10 Academic senate.**

Responsible Division/Office: Academic Affairs

Responsible Officer: Provost and VP of Academic Affairs

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Board Committee: Academic Excellence and Student Success

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(A) Policy statement. Under authority delegated to the academic senate of Youngstown state university by the board of trustees, “In recognition of the essential role of the faculty in the development of policies concerning the academic functions and activities of the university, it is appropriate for the senate to have primary responsibility for the development of new policies, or changes in existing policies, integral and essential to the academic functions and activities of the university.” (See “Academic Senate Charter Preamble.”)

 Where required, or as appropriate, such policy recommendations shall be subject to review by the provost and, in its oversight capacity, by the board’s academic excellence and student success committee, particularly as to statements of institutional mission, academic plans, university-wide standards of admission, retention, and graduation, and deletions or changes in academic programs and new programs leading to certificates or degrees.

 Where required, or as appropriate, the academic excellence and student success committee will inform or make recommendations to the board.

(B) Purpose. The establishment of the academic senate as an integral part of the governance structure of the university recognizes the essential role and primary responsibility of the faculty in the development of new policies, or changes in existing policies, integral and essential to the academic functions and activities of the university.

(C) Parameters. The academic senate establishes bylaws for its own operation, which are consistent with its charter and the mission of the university.

(D) Procedures.

(1) Operating procedures for the academic senate are found in the charter of the academic senate and bylaws of the academic senate.

(2) Amendments to the charter of the academic senate, passed in accordance with relevant articles within the charter, are presented to the president, or designee, and the board of trustees for action.

(3) Amendments to the bylaws of the academic senate, which are approved by the academic senate, are forwarded to the provost and presented at a regular meeting of the academic quality and student success committee of the board of trustees.

(4) Copies of the charter of the academic senate and the current bylaws are available in the offices of the academic senate and the provost as well as on the academic senate website at <http://academicsenate.ysu.edu/>.