

Constitution
Indiana University East Faculty Senate

[Proposed revisions are marked with underlining or strikethroughs. Explanatory comments are italicized; they will not appear in the IUE Constitution revisions if and when Faculty Senate passes the revisions. Only sections with proposed revisions are included in this document. Only changes to Articles 1, 3 and 4 are proposed. The remaining articles remain unchanged.]

Article 1. The Faculty

Section 1.1 Source of Powers

Subject to the limitations imposed by the Board of Trustees of Indiana University, the laws of the State of Indiana, and the Indiana University Faculty Constitution, this constitution confirms and establishes in the Faculty the powers and duties herein specified.

Section 1.2 The Faculty

The Chancellor, the Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and all fulltime employees holding academic rank (including full-time professional librarians, lecturers and clinical faculty) shall constitute the faculty at Indiana University East.

Section 1.3 Associate Members

Persons who serve as part-time teaching staff, adjunct, visiting and emeritus faculty shall have all rights and privileges in the Senate meetings except the vote. *[Comments: The Constitution of the Indiana University Faculty states, “Visiting and Adjunct appointees do not have voting rights in faculty governance” (p. 59 of the IU Academic Handbook). The IU Faculty Constitution also states, “The Emeritus faculty member has some of the rights and privileges of regular faculty members. See campus-specific documents for specific procedure” (p. 61 of the IU Academic Handbook). The IU East Policy on Emeritus Faculty states, “Retirees awarded the title may be accorded the following privileges: . . . 7. With the recommendation of the faculty senate, voting privileges in the faculty senate.”]*

Section 1.4 Voting Members

All faculty, as defined in Article 1, Section 1.2, shall be voting members of the Faculty Senate.

Article 3. Officers

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Section 3.2 President

A President shall be elected from the Senate members by a majority vote at the February meeting. The President-Elect shall assist the President, attend meetings with the President as possible, and perform other duties as appropriate. At the first Senate meeting of the subsequent fall semester, the President-Elect will assume the position of President. The President may choose to be exempt from all other Senate committee assignments. The rights and responsibilities of the President are:

- A. To serve as Chairperson of the Agenda Committee.
- B. To serve as official spokesperson and corresponding secretary for all Senate affairs.
- C. To keep and circulate minutes of each Senate meeting.
- D. To act as repository of the records and transactions of the Senate and its committees.
- E. To appoint a senate member parliamentarian prior to the first senate meeting.
- F. To preside at Faculty Senate meetings as outlined in Article 3, Section 3.1.

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Section 4.4 Quorum

Fifty percent (50%) of voting members shall constitute a quorum. Faculty members on leave will not be counted toward the quorum for the duration of the leave. Those faculty members on leave who intend to vote in person at Faculty Senate meetings should give advance notice to the Faculty Senate President that they wish to be counted towards the quorum. *[Comments: Ordinarily, faculty members who have been granted leaves have not attended Faculty Senate meetings. However, they have continued to be listed in the Faculty Senate sign-in sheets, and have continued to be counted as “absent” in calculating the quorum for each meeting. This has contributed to problems with Faculty Senate’s ability to meet its quorum. The proposal to exclude faculty members on leave from quorum calculations will not prevent those on leave from voting in absentia if they wish. The IUE Bylaws state that “Submission of an absentee vote does not allow the member to be counted towards a quorum.” In other words, submission of an absentee vote does not mean that the absent person will be counted towards the quorum of the meeting. Those faculty members on leave who intend to vote in person at Faculty Senate meetings should give advance notice to the Faculty Senate President that they wish to be counted towards the quorum.]*