

Dear Colleagues,

During the Spring 2015 Plenary Session, the delegates passed resolution 17.03 S15 calling for local academic senates to identify a faculty legislative liaison position to facilitate communication between the ASCCC and local senates on legislative issues.

To provide assistance in implementing the resolution, the Legislative and Advocacy Committee prepared the following guidelines that academic senates may modify to best fit with their local governance structure. At the November meeting, the Executive Committee approved legislative liaison position guidelines for local consideration. The responsibilities of the Legislative Liaison(s) may include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

- Attend local senate meetings and report regularly or as requested about legislation and legislative issues.
- Facilitate or act as a resource for local discussions of legislation and contemplated legislation.
- Identify legislation issues of particular local concern and convey those to the Legislative and Advocacy Committee.
- Communicate opportunities and, at times, the urgent need for faculty participation in legislative activities.
- Collaborate with local senate officers to create and or improve a mechanism for the most effective communication with faculty on campus about legislative issues of common concern.
- Serve as a conduit between the local faculty and the Legislative and Advocacy Committee representatives in the area.
- As funding permits, attend state-level events and meetings (ASCCC, FACCC), participate in panels or make presentations as appropriate.
- Monitor the legislative listserv and the Legislative Updates website and report to the local Academic Senate and, as determined to be appropriate in collaboration with local senate officers, faculty at large on campus.
- Work with local student organizations and advocacy groups to help them with their efforts as well as encourage them to join in efforts led by others.

When establishing the legislative liaison position, academic senates should create a structure to best serve the needs and interests of the faculty at their local colleges. For example, the position may be held by one faculty member, shared by two faculty members, or may consist of a small group of faculty with one faculty member acting as the primary contact. Any of these models are well suited to fulfilling the intent of the resolution.

We request that local senates identify a legislative liaison to serve as a point of contact between the local senate and the ASCCC in legislative related issues. Once your senate has identified your liaison, please send their name and contact information to julie@asccc.org so that he or she may be added to the legislative listserv. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Many thanks,
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