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Park University Faculty Senate Policy Statement

In recognition of the central role the full-time faculty (the "Faculty") of Park University (the "University") plays in the life of the University, and to promote collaborative process, the University has created the Faculty Senate (the "Senate") to be the body through which the Faculty advises the administration (the "Administration"). The purpose of the Senate is to provide the forum and mechanism through which the Faculty will collaborate with the Administration to advance the goals of the University. The Senate will regularly meet and confer and submit to the Administration its independent recommendations representing the collective voice of the faculty. The Provost will be the primary contact and liaison between the University and the Senate. The Administration, usually although not exclusively through the Provost, will communicate frequently with the Senate leadership, attend and deliver reports at Senate meetings, and respond to Senate recommendations and communications in a timely manner.

As the chief academic officer of the University, the Provost and Senior Vice President ("Provost") is responsible for the University's academic programs and policies, subject however to review by the President and the Board of Trustees. For oversight of *academic operations*, the Provost works with the Deans of the University's schools/colleges who work with the faculty in the departments/programs, and the Provost also works with standing University committees (e.g. Curriculum Committee, Graduate Academic Council, University Assessment Committee, Tenure Committee, and Personnel Panel).

The role of the Senate is different than the role of Park University Faculty Federation, Local 3576, Missouri Federation of Teachers, American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO, which represents members of the Faculty primarily with regard to wages, hours and working conditions.