

# **THE CONSTITUTION OF THE FACULTY OF FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY**

## **PREAMBLE**

Acknowledging the principle of shared governance, and recognizing the participatory and advisory role of the faculty and its responsibility for the educational outcomes and corresponding internal affairs of this institution, we, the Faculty of Fairmont State University, do adopt this Constitution to establish procedures whereby this responsibility can be discharged.

We accept that the Board of Governors is charged with the responsibility of establishing policy with respect to the operation of the institution. Further, we recognize that the Board of Governors has placed upon the President of the University full authority and responsibility for its operation. It is within these limits that the Faculty accepts its role in the planning and governance of the institution and of advisement to the President on matters of institutional policy.

## **ARTICLE I. Name, Purpose, Jurisdiction and Definition**

**Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be the Faculty of Fairmont State University, hereafter referred to as the Faculty.

**Section 2.** The purpose of this constitution is to provide for the participation of the Faculty in the formulation, implementation, and review of institutional policy and to provide the means for the Faculty to initiate action on matters with which it is directly concerned. These areas of Faculty concern shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to, the following:

- a. Standards for admission, selection, and retention of students.
- b. Requirements for the granting of degrees.
- c. Curricular requirements for general education.
- d. Additions and deletions of courses.
- e. Development of programs of research, experimentation, and instruction.
- f. Development of library, laboratories and other instructional aids.
- g. Such other academic affairs which are not directly administrative in nature.

## **ARTICLE II. Membership**

The Faculty shall be composed of all full-time teaching or administrative personnel of Fairmont State University who hold academic rank.

## **ARTICLE III. Organization**

**Section 1.** The principal officer of the Faculty shall be the President of the University who is directly responsible to the Fairmont State University System Board of Governors.

**Section 2.** In the performance of his/her duties as chief administrator of this University, the President shall cooperate and work with the Faculty in accord with the administrative principles established by the Fairmont State Board of Governors.

**Section 3.** The principal agent of the Faculty in the exercise of its policy-determining function shall be known as the Faculty Senate. The Faculty hereby delegates to the Faculty Senate the power to act as its representative body in carrying out the purposes expressed in Article 1, Section 2.

**Section 4.** The Faculty may review any action of the Faculty Senate. Such review may be initiated by written petition to the President of the University by any twenty or more Faculty members who are not members of the Faculty Senate. The total Faculty may by a majority vote reverse any action of the Faculty Senate.

**Section 5.** Committees may be organized by the President to assist in the fulfillment of his/her role as chief administrator of the University.

#### **ARTICLE IV. Meetings**

**Section 1.** The Faculty shall meet when called into session by the President upon his/her own initiative, upon request by the Faculty Senate, or upon written request of twenty or more Faculty members.

**Section 2.** Written notice of the time and place of all Faculty meetings shall be forwarded by the most reasonable and convenient channels to each Faculty member at least forty-eight hours in advance of such meeting.

**Section 3.** The President of the University and his/her designated representative shall preside over Faculty meetings.

**Section 4.** Policy determination shall be by majority vote of members present, and policies shall be effective after passage by the Faculty and approval by the President.

#### **ARTICLE V. Amendments**

Amendments to this constitution may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Faculty. Proposals for amendments must be circulated in writing to the total membership of the Faculty at least thirty (30) days before Faculty vote is taken.

#### **ADDENDA**

1. In the event that any provision of this constitution shall conflict with the Rules and Regulations of the Fairmont State Board of Governors, such Rules and Regulations shall govern.
2. Unless otherwise provided in this constitution, all proceedings shall be governed by **Robert's Rules of Order**.