POLICY 103 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Policy Number and Title: 103 Constitution of the Faculty Senate of Utah Valley University

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Sponsor:	Steven Clark
Steward(s):	Evelyn Porter
Policy Process:	Regular
Policy Action:	Revision Cara
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Issues/Concerns (including fiscal, legal, and compliance impact):
This policy was last updated in 2015; it is time to review and update the policy to account for the changes at and growth of UVU since that time.

The current Faculty Senate Constitution lacks sufficient clarity regarding the creation, governance, and dissolution of standing committees, subcommittees, and ad hoc committees. Several provisions are outdated, overly prescriptive, or duplicated, creating potential inconsistencies between the Constitution and Senate Bylaws. Additionally, some governance processes, including committee appointments, elections, impeachment procedures, and the role of ex officio members, would benefit from clearer definitions and greater flexibility to support effective Senate operations and shared governance.

Suggested Changes:

The proposed revisions clarify the relationship between the Constitution and the Bylaws, establish a framework for creating and managing standing committees and subcommittees, and provide clearer definitions of committee types and governance processes. The draft also updates election procedures, committee appointment responsibilities, impeachment provisions, quorum language, and ex officio membership descriptions. These changes are intended to improve organizational consistency, strengthen governance structures, reduce ambiguity, and allow the Faculty Senate to adapt its committee structure and operating procedures through Bylaws while preserving constitutional oversight.

Requested Approval from President's Council: Entrance to Stage 1

Proposed Drafting Committee: David Connelly, Jennifer Shubert, Doug Gardner, Evelyn Porter

Target Date for Stage 1 Draft to Enter Stage 2: 10/1/2026

Target Date for Board of Trustees Review: 12/1/2020