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## Faculty Senate Issue Log Form

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Title-of-Issue: The lack of unaffiliated research faculty representation on Executive, Faculty Senate, and most University committees

Description: There does not appear to be unaffiliated Research Faculty representation on most faculty senate committees. (Faculty Senate Committees - Old Dominion University (odu.edu) Unaffiliated Research Faculty are not part of a college much like the Library. However, the Library does have representation on all Faculty Senate committees.

Related Faculty Senate Constitution and By-Law excerpts:

According to the Faculty Senate Constitution (Section III.B.2): The Faculty Senate shall consist of one senator from each academic department and one senator representing research faculty not affiliated with an academic department. For purposes of apportionment, the library shall be considered an academic department.

According to Faculty Senate By-Laws:

- o Each standing committee will normally have one member from each academic college.
- o Standing Committee (Faculty) Membership designations: Most committees indicate a one from each college designation?

Rationale: Proposed Faculty Senate Action(s): Submit the following to the faculty senate for consideration:

- o In the same fashion as the library in the Faculty Senate Constitution: For purposes of apportionment, the library shall be considered an academic department.
- o Add the following sentence: For purposes of apportionment, the Unaffiliated Research Faculty shall be considered an academic department under the Office of Research.
- o Rationale for resolution:

The Unaffiliated Research Faculty designation as an academic department under the Office of Research will afford research faculty representation on Executive, Faculty Senate and University Committees similar to Library representation.

In recognition ODU's status as an R1 university, the role and increasing importance in number of unaffiliated research faculty will continue to grow as an important measure of remaining an R1 and advancing as an R1 university.

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