

TO: Faculty Senate
SUBJECT: Proposed revisions to Faculty Senate committee function language
SUBMITTED BY: Steering Committee
DATE: October 23, 2026

The Steering Committee recommend the following revisions to the function language of the Committee on Committees.

Committee on Committees

Proposed action	Add a fourth function. Retain the existing three functions unchanged.
Redlined version	• Submits nominations to the Senate for membership on all Senate standing committees and subcommittees, except for ex officio members and those special seats on subcommittees reserved for members of parent committees, and to the president, and provost for faculty membership on their respective committees. • Accepts Associated Students of Washington State University and Graduate and Professional Student Association appointments of student membership to Senate committees and refers them to the appropriate committees. • <u>Conducts a continuing evaluation of the Senate committee system and makes recommendations regarding committee improvements to the Steering Committee Senate.</u> • <u>Reviews modifications to committee function and/or composition language and forwards approved recommendations to the Senate.</u>
Clean version	• Submits nominations to the Senate for membership on all Senate standing committees and subcommittees, except for ex officio members and those special seats on subcommittees reserved for members of parent committees, and to the president, and provost for faculty membership on their respective committees. • Accepts Associated Students of Washington State University and Graduate and Professional Student Association appointments of student membership to Senate committees and refers them to the appropriate committees. • Conducts a continuing evaluation of the Senate committee system and makes recommendations regarding committee improvements to the Senate.

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Rationale	The Senate needs a clear process for revisions to committee function and composition language. The existing responsibility of CoC to evaluate the Senate committee structure implies this oversight role. The added function makes explicit that proposed changes, including those that a committee wishes to make, must pass through the CoC.