

RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE FACULTY HANDBOOK TO CODIFY INTEREST- OR DISCIPLINE-BASED FACULTY ORGANIZATIONS

WHEREAS, the Faculty Handbook describes the policies related to faculty and the organizations within Virginia Tech to which they belong; and

WHEREAS, faculty with common disciplinary or professional interests may wish to organize for the purposes of networking and professional development; and

WHEREAS, formal recognition of such organizations by Virginia Tech is beneficial to the faculty and in alignment with mutual interests of advancing professional interests and fostering collegiality and collaboration among faculty;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Chapter 1 of the Faculty Handbook be amended with the changes noted below in red.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these revisions will become effective for the 2025-26 Faculty Handbook.

1.1.12 Faculty Organizations

Faculty organizations may be established by faculty for the purposes of building communities of practice and networking for professional development. These organizations may be comprised of faculty around certain disciplinary interests, experiences, or towards specific goals. These faculty organizations have constitutions that designate their purposes, membership, officers, election procedures, standing committees and their duties, and other organizational and procedural matters. These faculty organizations do not have a formal role in university governance but are recognized by and supported in their activities, as appropriate, by the office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs. The Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs will provide an annual report to the Board of Visitors on the registered faculty organizations and their activities.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the resolution to codify interest-based or discipline-based faculty organizations be approved and included in the 2025-26 Faculty Handbook as amended in Committee.

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