

Kansas State University Faculty Senate



Teresa Douthit
Faculty Senate President

Our Charge



- Govern the curriculum and awarding of degrees.
- Represent faculty and professional staff.
- Work jointly with administration to develop policy and planning initiatives.

Administration, faculty, staff and students at K-State are committed to shared governance.

2024-2025 Faculty Senate Officers and Past President



President

Teresa Douthit
Professor
Animal Sciences and Industry
College of Agriculture



President Elect

Sara Luly
Associate Professor
Modern Languages
Faculty Director, Honors
Program



Secretary

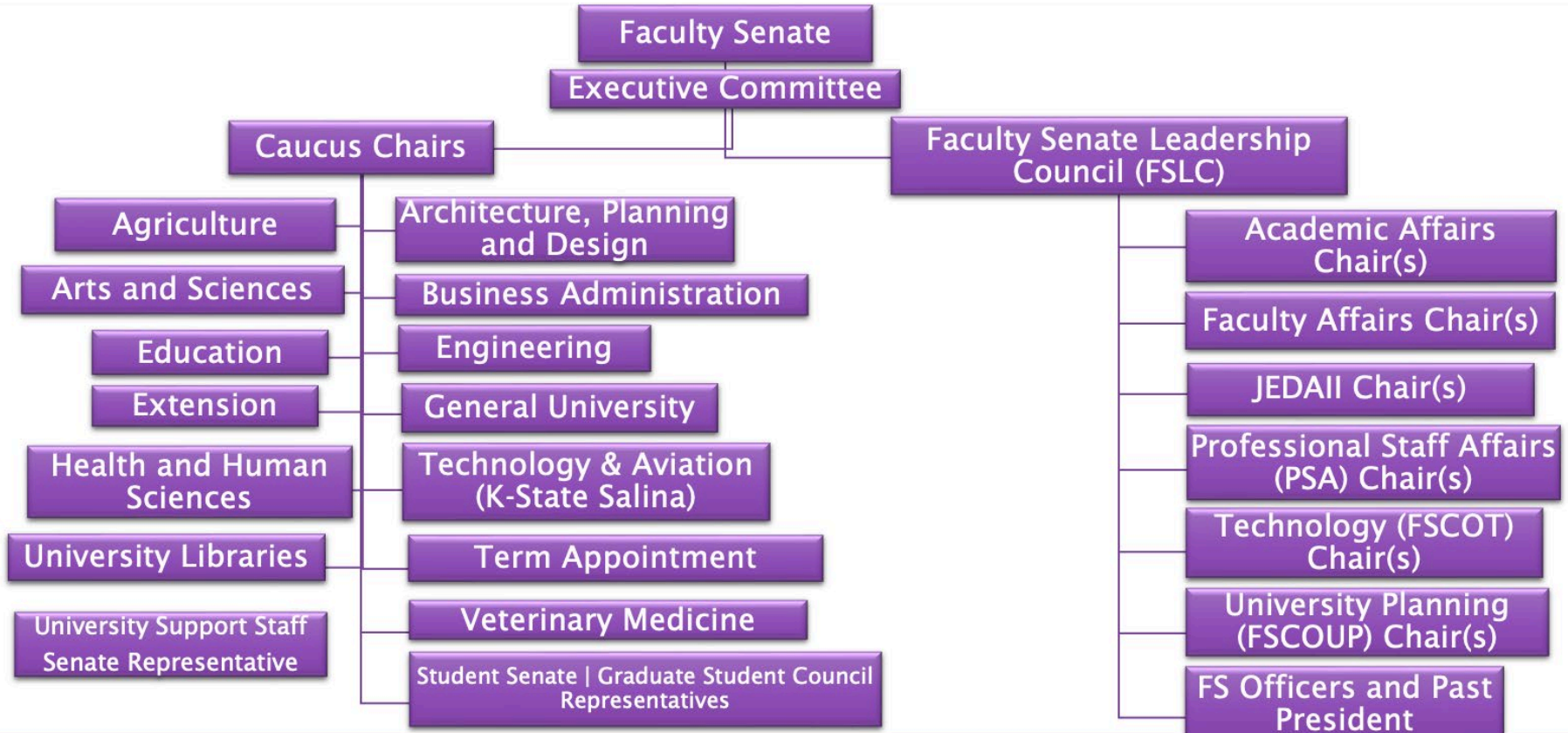
Graciela Berumen
Assistant Director of College
Access and Community
Outreach
Term Appointment Caucus



Past President

Don Von Bergen
Professor
Aviation and Earth Sciences
Salina Aerospace and
Technology Campus

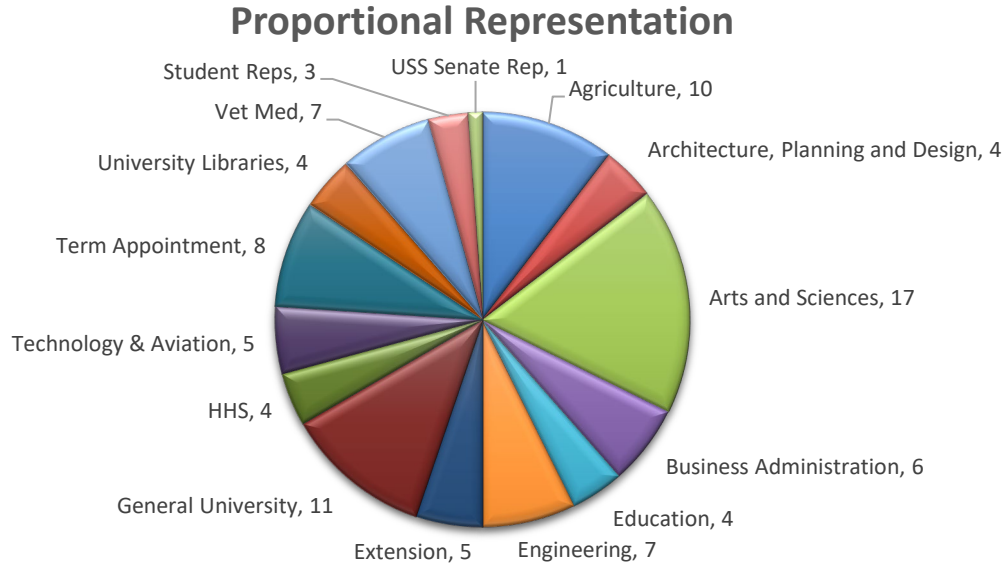
Organization Chart



Proportional Representation

Representation is reviewed every three years. The last review was in October 2023.

~96 senators
+ Student and
USS Senate Reps



■ Agriculture
■ Education
■ HHS
■ Vet Med

■ Architecture, Planning and Design
■ Engineering
■ Technology & Aviation
■ Student Reps
■ Arts and Sciences
■ Extension
■ Term Appointment
■ USS Senate Rep

■ Business Administration
■ General University
■ University Libraries

Standing Committees

- **Academic Affairs** – Hansin Bilgili and Joann Kouba
 - Course and curriculum, degrees, academic policies
- **Faculty Affairs** – Brad Cunningham and Brandon Savage
 - Issues affecting faculty
 - University handbook changes
- **JEDAll (began in Fall 2022)** – Graciela Berumen and Gwen Sibley
 - Issues affecting faculty and professional staff
- **Professional Staff Affairs** – Linda Craghead and Monica Curnutt
 - Issues affecting professional staff
- **Faculty Senate Committee on Technology** – Phil Vardiman
 - Technology related issues
- **Faculty Senate Committee on University Planning** – Cassie Jones and Kimberly Kramer
 - University planning including budget and building projects

How to Bring a Topic to Faculty Senate

- Contact a member of your:
 - Caucus (<https://www.k-state.edu/facsen/facsenate/>)
 - Appropriate Standing Committee Member
 - Faculty Senate Leadership Council Member
- If you desire a University Handbook change:
 - University Handbook Policy Development process:
<https://www.k-state.edu/provost/universityhb/fhprocess.html>

An Example of Process in Progress

1. A professional staff member expressed concern that not all individuals were being afforded an opportunity to provide feedback regarding 5-year reviews of department/unit heads, associate deans, and assistant deans.
2. The concern was conveyed to the Professional Staff Affairs committee and a proposed policy change was worked on.
3. Professional Staff Affairs produced proposal and it was moved forward to Faculty Affairs and the University Handbook & Policy committee for consideration.
4. The President and Provost were informed of discussions during a scheduled meeting and were supportive of these efforts.
5. Appropriate documentation was approved by Faculty Senate for the University Handbook and is now in place and being utilized.

You Can Get Involved

- Consider becoming a Senator.
 - Elections are held annually, in the Spring semester.
- Join a Committee.
 - Call for various sub committees goes out annually, in the Spring.

For more information

- Email
 - Faculty Senate President, Teresa Douthit, douthit@k-state.edu
 - Faculty Senate Office: facsen@k-state.edu
 - Susanne Renberg, Office Specialist: srenberg@ksu.edu
 - Website: www.facsen.ksu.edu
- Attend a Faculty Senate meeting (<https://www.k-state.edu/facsen/meetings.html>)
 - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 3:30 PM