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UOG FACULTY SENATE CODE OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Preamble: Members of the Faculty Senate and its constituent committees shall demonstrate civility and collegiality, adhere to the basic tenets of self-governance, and promote the highest standards of professional conduct in all matters.

The members meet the expectations embodied in this Code by:

1. Becoming familiar with the Faculty Senate Bylaws and Faculty Senate Handbook;
2. Demonstrating commitment to fulfilling the major responsibilities of the Faculty Senate and all its committees;
3. Behaving in a manner that is objective, assertive and collegial, holding in high regard the Senate and the institution's integrity.
4. Devoting sufficient time needed to carry out or support the Senate's and/or committee's functions;
5. Attending Senate and committee meetings conscientiously and being adequately prepared to conduct business;
6. Contributing to the submission of accurate, adequately researched, and clearly presented written materials and documents;
7. Working with fellow Senators and committee members in a spirit of cooperation and collegial collaboration for the greater good of the institution;
8. Refraining from personal vendettas or agendas in dealing with Senate or committee business;
9. Using Roberts Rules of Order as a guide for meetings at all levels to ensure formality of actions and sharing of equitable speaking opportunities;
10. Consulting with and keeping constituents informed on matters that affect them;

11. Voting according to one's individual understanding, knowledge, and convictions and with due regard for the informed judgments and positions among the members of one's constituency;;
12. Supporting the majority decision of the Senate or committee;
13. Encouraging constituents with minority viewpoints to accept decisions that may require accommodation for the greater good of the University;
14. Using Senate or committee time to carry out business expeditiously and using intervening time to confer with constituents, and to discuss issues and possible actions with colleagues;
15. Maintaining confidentiality in appropriate matters and actions of the Senate and its committees;
16. Acting as spokesperson for Senate or committee only when specifically authorized to do so;
17. When chairing a meeting of the Senate or any of its committees, maintaining the courtesy and civil conduct required under Roberts Rules of Order and, if necessary, exercising the necessary authority to remove or call out of order any member whose conduct or language violates acceptable limits;
18. Setting an example as a faculty leader by adhering to professional standards of academic honesty and integrity in one's teaching, research, and service.