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# CONSTITUTION

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## PROFESSIONAL STAFF SENATE

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### ARTICLE I- STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Professional Staff Senate (PSS) shall exist to contribute to the success of Binghamton University and to the representative of professional employees within the University governance system. PSS does not claim to be, nor does it desire to be, the collective bargaining agent for professional employees and disclaims any intent to identify it as such.

The Senate shall seek an active role in the policy decisions of the University. The Senate shall be a fact-finding, deliberative, and consultative body, with authority to make studies, reports, and recommendations on all governance matters that have an impact on professional employees.

The business of PSS shall be to act as the responsible, representative voice of the concerns and needs of PSS constituents and to investigate, discuss, report, and make recommendations on those issues that are consistent with the purpose of the Senate. PSS shall operate, in accordance with the policies set forth by the Board of shall, as appropriate, work jointly with all the other component parts of this system.

### ARTICLE II- CONSTITUENCY AND ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES

The constituency of PSS shall consist of all professional staff holding permanent, term, administrative or temporary appointment, with the exception of:

- A. The University President and Vice Presidents,
- B. Those with academic or qualified academic rank,
- C. Those with voting faculty privileges.

Chair of the Senate.

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The status of any senator or constituent shall be determined by the Senate in accordance with the prescribed eligibility and retention criteria, set forth in the PSS By-Laws and Standard Operating Procedures, which shall be designed to ensure the highest degree of representation.

### ARTICLE III- STRUCTURE

1. Each senator and the immediate past Chair of PSS shall have one and only one vote.
2. The officers of PSS shall be the Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. The PSS By-Laws shall outline their duties, terms, election process, etc. PSS shall provide for any additional officers, agents, and committees as are deemed necessary to carry out the business of PSS.
3. PSS shall establish a calendar of regular meetings and forums for the purpose of conducting its business. These meetings will be conducted in a manner which allows access to interested constituents and guests.



4. Senate Recommendation for Action

- A. The proposed amendment will be shared with the Senate and approved if a majority of sitting senators vote in favor of the proposal. The proposal will then be put forward to the constituency within ten business days.
- B. If a majority of the sitting senators reject the amendment proposal, the requester will be notified in writing of the decision and the reason(s) for rejection.

5. Constituency Recommendation for Action