Proposed Revisions to Faculty Senate Bylaws affecting the Honors Program Advisory Committee:
(2) Graduation
(3) Retention

c. Honors & Undergraduate Research.

d. Other matters affecting academic matters.

2. Members shall be appointed by the Speaker, annually, with the advice of the Executive Committee and the consent of the Senate.

G. The Budget Information Committee

1. Function
This committee has the following duties and responsibilities:

a. To study the University budget and become thoroughly familiar with its structure, provisions, and development.

b. To provide advice to and obtain information from the Vice President for Finance, other Vice Presidents, the Executive Vice president and Provost, other officers and the President relating to the University budget.

c. To advise and recommend action on any issue pertaining to the development and content of the University budget to the Executive Committee of the Senate and to the Faculty Senate as a whole.

2. Members shall be appointed by the Speaker, annually, with the advice of the Executive Committee and the consent of the Senate.

H. The Personnel and Welfare Committee

1. Jurisdiction
This committee has the responsibility to study policies, procedures, and regulations and to recommend actions in the following areas:

a. Hiring, retention, tenure, promotion, and evaluation of academic personnel.

b. Hiring, retention, promotion, and evaluation of support personnel and graduate assistants.

c. Benefits for academic and support personnel.
Committee on Emeritus Status  
Graduate Council  
**Honors & Undergraduate Research Council (HURC)**  
Library Councils  
University Library Council  
Medical Sciences Library Council  
Rules and Regulations Committee  
Scholarship Committee  
Undergraduate Admissions Advisory Committee  
University Curriculum Committee  
International Programs Committee

Unless otherwise specified below:

All faculty members of these committees shall serve three-year terms and shall be appointed so that approximately one-third of the terms for members of each committee expires each year. Those serving on a committee as a result of their Texas A&M University position shall continue to serve as long as they are in that position. Student members shall serve one year terms.

Members of these committees shall be appointed by the Faculty Senate Committee on Committees after consultation with the appropriate deans and offices and upon approval of those selected by a majority vote of the Faculty Senate. If there is not at least one member of each committee reporting to the Faculty Senate who is a Faculty Senator, the Committee on Committees shall have the discretion to nominate an at-large member to serve on such committees.

Each of these committees shall elect, by its voting members, its own Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Committees will hold an annual election for a chairperson.

The term off-campus academic unit shall refer to officially designated branch campuses.

2. **Structure and Function of Reporting Committees**

a. **Committee on Emeritus Status**

(1) Membership shall be composed of the Dean of Faculties and Associate Provost, Ex-Officio, plus one tenured faculty member from each academic college, off-campus academic unit, and the Library. Faculty members shall be nominated by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, after consultation with the college caucuses, and shall be approved by the Faculty Senate.
(2) The Committee shall: (1) monitor the files to assure that all eligible candidates are considered for emeritus status; and (2) review all unfavorable recommendations and forward its recommendations to the Executive Vice President and Provost. The committee, through its chair, shall communicate in writing to the Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate policy and procedural matters associated with the review of nominees for emeritus status.

b. Graduate Council

(1) Membership shall consist of one representative from each college and off-campus academic unit who shall be selected by the Faculty Senate Committee on Committees after consultation with the college deans and caucuses (chairs of the college committees for graduate instruction shall be considered for appointment); two representatives of the Graduate Faculty; two graduate students; and the Director of Graduate Studies as an Ex-Officio member. All faculty members shall be members of the Graduate Faculty.

All of the above members except the Director of Graduate Studies shall be voting members.

The Associate Director of Graduate Studies, one representative of the University Library Council, and one member of the Medical Sciences Library shall serve as non-voting members.

The Council shall elect a chairperson from among its voting members.

(2) The Graduate Council shall review all curricular requests pertaining to the graduate academic program, shall be responsible for the quality and development of the graduate instruction and programs and shall advise the Director of Graduate Studies on all graduate program matters.

(3) The Graduate Council shall communicate in writing, through its secretary, its recommendations to the Faculty Senate, by way of the Executive Committee, and simultaneously to the Academic Program Council.

c. Honors & Undergraduate Research Council (HURC)

(1) Membership shall consist of the Executive Director of Honors & Undergraduate Research (Ex-Officio and chair), Associate Director for
Honors & Undergraduate Research (Ex-Officio), and Chair of the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee (Ex-Officio). Council membership shall also include one faculty representative from each college, selected by the Faculty Senate Committee on Committees after consultation with the college deans and caucuses in conjunction with Honors & Undergraduate Research (with preference given to honors faculty), one faculty appointed by Executive Director to represent undergraduate research faculty, and 2 honors students and 3 honors faculty appointed by the Executive Director. Each of the above named members shall be voting members of the council. Ex-Officio, non-voting members may be appointed by the Chair.

(2) This reporting council provides advice on standards and policies related to honors programs and undergraduate research efforts at the University. The council will act as a resource and advice/support group to the Office of Honors & Undergraduate Research on the concerns of the University community regarding Honors and Undergraduate Research programming and related issues including, but not limited to, distinctions offered by the Office. Items the council will discuss include Latin Honors, Honors Courses, Honors Sequences, college and departmental honors tracks, Undergraduate Research Scholars, publication of Explorations and REU support, and recognition of achievements in honors. The council is intended to represent the University perspective. Consequently, every effort will be made to have broad representation in the council membership.

(3) The Honors & Undergraduate Council (HURC) shall communicate in writing, through its chair, its recommendations to the Faculty Senate on policies and procedures dealing with Honors and Undergraduate Research Programs enacted by the Office at Texas A&M University by way of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee and simultaneously to the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Studies.

d. Library Councils

(1) Two library councils shall be established: one to advise the Director of the University Libraries on the main campus and the other, a Medical Sciences Library Council, to advise the Director of the Medical Sciences Library.

(a) University Library Council

This council shall consist of one voting representative from each of the colleges; the Sterling C. Evans Library; the experiment stations; the extension services; the Texas Transportation Institute; and three students, one of whom shall be a graduate student. The Director of the Sterling C. Evans Library and the