

**AMENDED AND RESTATED**  
**CONSTITUTION OF THE VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY SENATE**  
**DATED AUGUST, 2009**

**As Recommended by the Rules and Review Committee of the  
University Senate and the Executive Committee of the University Senate**

**ARTICLE I**

**CREATION OF A VILLANOVA UNIVERSITY SENATE**

*Section 1*

The Board of Trustees of Villanova University, for the better governance of the University, and to effect greater participation in the decision-making processes of the University for faculty members, students, administrators, staff, and alumni, herein approves, subject to the following provisions, the creation of a University legislative body for the University as a whole, provided, however, that Villanova University remain a private, Catholic, Augustinian-related University.

*Section 2*

The University legislative body shall be known as the Villanova University Senate.

**ARTICLE II**

**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

*Section 1*

Legislative powers concerning the governance of the University are delegated, as herein provided, by the Board of Trustees of Villanova University to the University Senate as herein created, subject to revocation of such authority by the Board of Trustees, and to such final approval or review of such legislation, amendments, rules and regulations issued pursuant to any delegated power as are reserved to the Board of Trustees or to the President by the Board of Trustees. In delegating these powers, the Board of Trustees retains unimpaired its independent power to legislate when and as it deems advisable. No reference to Senate authority to legislate shall mean that such legislation is required in order for the University to act through its Board or appropriate administrative officers within the scope of their authority.

*Section 2*

The Board of Trustees of Villanova University hereby delegates to the Villanova University Senate policy-making power in those enumerated areas of University affairs so designated in Article III of this document. Policy-making is defined as the power to legislate in university-wide matters subject to the rights and obligations of the President and the Board of Trustees as specified in Article IV and Article X.

**ARTICLE III**

**POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE**

*Section 1*

The University Senate shall have authority to legislate in major academic matters significantly affecting more than one college of the University and significantly affecting more than one represented constituency of the Senate. These matters are noted in the areas of committee concern under the Academic Policy Committee (Article VIII, Section 2).

*Section 2*

The University Senate shall have authority to legislate in all major areas of faculty concern significantly affecting the University as a whole.

*Section 3*

The University Senate shall have authority to legislate in all major areas of student life significantly affecting the University as a whole.

*Section 4*

The Budget Committee of the University Senate (Article VIII, Section 4) shall participate in the formulation of the annual budget and the University Senate shall have authority for final review, and approval of the budget before submission to the President or Board of Trustees.

*Section 5*

The University Senate shall have authority to legislate in all major areas of University policy regarding mission and social justice affecting the University as a whole.

*Section 6*

The University Senate shall have authority to legislate in all major areas of University policy regarding athletics affecting the University as a whole.

## ARTICLE IV

### PRINCIPLE OF SUBSIDIARITY IN UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

#### *Section 1*

Accepting the principle of subsidiarity as valid, the University Senate is restricted in its legislation to those matters enumerated in Article III which affect more than one college of the University. Matters which affect only individual departments or individual colleges of the University should be determined at the departmental or collegiate level respectively, subject to the approval of the appropriate administrative officers. Individual departments or colleges shall inform the Senate of all major curricular decisions and actions.

#### *Section 2*

The Villanova University School of Law shall have associated status in the University Senate. For the reasons stated in the Memorandum to the Subcommittee on the School of Law of the Villanova Special Commission on University Governance (on file in the University Senate Office), the present relationship of the School of Law to the University community shall be maintained subject to the jurisdiction of the University Senate in the following specified areas:

- a. Overall review and approval of the University budget (since the Law School budget must be approved by the Board of Trustees at a time which is earlier than approval of the remainder of the University budget, the University Senate will review the Law School's operating budget, but not on a line-by-line allocation, as an approved item of the proposed University budget).
- b. Major allocation of University resources.
- c. Long-range institutional planning (this involves University goals rather than the goals of subordinate units).
- d. Areas in which law students use or enjoy common facilities with other University students.

#### *Section 3*

An independent Faculty Congress shall consist of the 14 elected faculty members from the Committee on Faculty (Article VIII, Section 5), the 16 elected faculty members from the Academic Policy Committee (Article VIII, Section 2) and such other faculty members as the Faculty Congress shall determine in its discretion. The Faculty Congress may express faculty opinion on any matter of interest to the faculty. The Faculty Congress may have such committees as it may determine. The Chairperson of the Faculty Congress is *ex officio* a member of the University Senate as noted in Article V, Section 2.

#### *Section 4*

The Committee on Faculty shall have a dual function as a Committee of the Faculty Congress and as a committee of the University Senate. The University Senate Committee on Faculty shall have the authority to formulate recommendations in all faculty welfare matters. At the discretion of the Committee on Faculty, its recommendations may be sent, as to primarily faculty matters, directly to the President through the Vice President for Academic Affairs or, as to all other matters, presented to the full Senate through its Executive

Committee for discussion and further action. In the former case, the Committee on Faculty would communicate all formal committee recommendations in writing to the Executive Committee. All recommendations to the Vice President for Academic Affairs (or through the Vice President for Academic Affairs to the President) would receive a response within a reasonable time with a rationale for the action taken.

#### *Section 5*

The Academic Policy Committee shall have the authority to recommend policy in academic matters affecting more than one college. The committee, as it deems appropriate and depending on the weightiness and university-wide impact, could forward its recommendations either to the full Senate through its Executive Committee or, as to primarily faculty matters, through the Vice President for Academic Affairs to the President. However, the Academic Policy Committee shall communicate all formal committee recommendations in writing to the Executive Committee. All recommendations to the Vice President for Academic Affairs (or through the Vice President for Academic Affairs to the President) would receive a response within a reasonable time with a rationale for the action taken.

#### *Section 6*

The Student Life/Student Government Committee of the University Senate shall have authority to recommend policy on matters concerning the general social and cultural welfare of all students of the University. At the discretion of the committee, matters that are primarily student matters could be directed to the Vice President for Student Life and through that Vice President to the President. The Student Life/Student Government Committee shall communicate all formal committee recommendations in writing to the Executive Committee. All recommendations to the Vice President for Student Life (or through the Vice President for Student Life to the President) would receive a response within a reasonable time with a rationale for the action taken. The Student Life/Student Government Committee, representing the interests of the students of Villanova, may express student opinion on matters of interest to students. The President of the Student Body is *ex officio* a member of the University Senate as noted in Article V, Section 3.

#### *Section 7*

The determination as to whether a matter is primarily a faculty or student matter rests within the discretion of the respective Senate Committee. The Academic and Student Life Vice Presidents and the President retain their prerogative to seek full Senate review of matters so directed to them through a request to the Senate Executive Committee to add a matter to the Senate agenda for discussion.

#### *Section 8*

In the event that a Vice President does not accept a resolution of a Committee using its direct line, then that Committee may forward the resolution directly to the President. In the event that a direct line committee using its direct line access under Article IV, Sections 4, 5 or 6, receives a negative response from the President, the committee may raise the matter with faculty or student representatives (as the case may be) of the appropriate committee of the University's Board of Trustees with the request that the matter be raised at a Board committee meeting. Only matters considered by the full University Senate would be forwarded to the Board of Trustees under Article X.

## ARTICLE V

### MEMBERSHIP AND APPORTIONMENT IN THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

#### *Section 1*

The University Senate shall be composed of thirteen faculty members, thirteen administrators, thirteen students, four staff, two alumni and the President of the Alumni Association serving as an *ex officio* member. The Presiding Officer of the Senate shall be a faculty member elected to a two-year term by the University Senate. The Executive Secretary of the Senate shall be a student member elected by the University Senate.

#### *Section 2*

The faculty members shall be apportioned as follows: four from Arts, two from Sciences (Astronomy, Biology, Chemistry, Computing Sciences, Mathematical Sciences and Physics), two from Engineering, two from Commerce and Finance, one from Nursing, and one from Law. The Chairperson of the Faculty Congress shall be *ex officio* a member of the Senate. Five faculty Senators shall also serve on the Committee on Faculty (Article VII, Section 5) and six faculty Senators shall also serve on the Academic Policy Committee (Article VII, Section 2).

#### *Section 3*

The student members shall be apportioned as follows: three from Arts, one from Sciences, three from Commerce and Finance, one from Engineering, one from Nursing, one from Law, one from Part-Time Studies, a Graduate student and the President of the Student Body, *ex officio*.

#### *Section 4*

The administrative representation shall be comprised of five members *ex officio*: Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President for Mission and Ministry, Vice President for Administration and Finance, Vice President and General Counsel, Vice President for Student Life, with the remaining members appointed by the President. Appointments shall be completed by April 15, with terms of office beginning the following May.

#### *Section 5*

The alumni member shall be apportioned as noted in Article VI, Section 5.

#### *Section 6*

The staff representation shall be apportioned as follows: the Chair and Vice-Chair of the University Staff Council, *ex-officio*, plus elected two representatives, one from the exempt staff and one from the non-exempt/non-represented staff.

## ARTICLE VI

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP AND ELECTION PROCEDURE

#### *Section 1*

The faculty members shall be directly elected by their respective constituencies for two-year terms after written nominations. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to win, and members may be re-elected. Elections will be administered by the Faculty Congress for University Senate faculty representatives and for faculty members of the Committee on Faculty and the Academic Policy Committee.

#### *Section 2*

Minimum qualifications for faculty election to the Senate shall be the rank of assistant professor and three years service to the University.

#### *Section 3*

The student members shall be elected by their respective college student bodies for one-year terms after written nominations. A plurality vote shall be necessary to win, and members may be re-elected.

#### *Section 4*

Minimum qualifications for student election to the Senate shall be sophomore standing for undergraduate and Part-Time Studies students, at least second semester full-time status for graduate students, and at least second year status for law students.

#### *Section 5*

The alumni representation shall consist of the President of the Alumni Association or, if delegated by the Alumni Association President, one of the elected members of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, ex officio, and two alumni representatives elected from the membership of the alumni from all class years. Each shall be elected for a two year term. Elections will be administered by the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association.

#### *Section 6*

The staff members shall be elected by their respective constituencies for two-year terms. Any member of either constituency may nominate a member of that constituency, and self-nomination will be permissible. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to win, and members may be re-elected. Nominees must have completed three years of service at the University to be eligible and must demonstrate an interest in contributing to the mission of the University and support for the Constitution of the Villanova University Senate. No one at the Director level or above shall be eligible. The Executive Committee of the Senate, with the help of the Department of Human Resources, will oversee the election process.

*Section 7*

Elections for University Senate membership shall be held in the spring term each year and shall be completed by April 1, with terms of office beginning the following May 1.

*Section 8*

The Executive Committee of the University Senate (Article VIII, Section 1) is hereby empowered, according to the requirements of the Senate By-Laws, to initiate proper procedures for the filling of vacancies in Senate membership.

**ARTICLE VII**

**UNIVERSITY SENATE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

*Section 1*

Standing committees established under the University Senate shall have as their primary purpose service to the Senate as policy-formulating bodies. Standing committees shall report to the Senate through its Executive Committee. A secondary function of standing committees shall be to serve in an advisory capacity to the administration, when consulted, in the implementation of policy. In cases where elected committees contain no Senator, the Executive Committee shall add a Senator for that academic year. In these special appointed cases, the Executive Committee should exercise care to ensure that the committee is properly balanced.

*Section 2*

The standing committees of the Senate shall be the Executive Committee, the Academic Policy Committee, the Athletic Advisory Committee, the Budget Committee, the Committee on Faculty, the Rules and Review Committee, the Committee on Mission and Social Justice and the Student Life/Student Government Committee.

*Section 3*

Policy recommendations to the Senate from the Committee on Faculty and the Student Life/Student Government Committee shall be voted upon without debate unless twenty-five (25%) percent or more of the members of the Senate present and voting indicate a desire to debate a policy recommendation from any of these committees at the time when such a policy recommendation is called upon for voting.

*Section 4*

With the exception of the Committee on Faculty and the Student Life/Student Government Committee which will require a two-thirds majority vote of the full Senate for dissolution, the Senate may form or dissolve any of its committees, as the need may arise in accordance with procedures heretofore or hereafter established.

## ARTICLE VIII

### COMMITTEES

#### *Section 1*

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -The Executive Committee shall act for the University Senate on those matters requiring attention between meetings of the Senate. It shall have the power to call the Senate into extraordinary session, and shall have such powers, functions, and duties during periods when the Senate is not in session, as the Senate may delegate to it.

The Executive Committee shall also determine the agenda of the Senate, subject to revision by the Senate itself as may be provided in the By-Laws. The Executive Committee shall receive all resolutions and all communications requesting action, study, or advice, and shall place these on the agenda of the Senate, or shall refer these matters to an appropriate body or committee within or without the Senate for further action, study, or advice. All matters which originate in the committees of the Senate shall be noticed to the Executive Committee, and the Executive Committee shall receive minutes from all the standing committees. Requests for special studies, University data, or financial information from the standing committees of the Senate shall be conveyed to the Executive Committee which shall contact the appropriate sources in accordance with priorities it may determine. Final reports or interim reports from all standing committees shall be submitted to the Executive Committee for placement on the agenda of the Senate.

The agenda and standing committee reports must be distributed to members of the Senate at least one week before action is taken. The Executive Committee shall also submit minutes of its deliberations to the Senate and shall serve the Senate in such manner as may be deemed appropriate by the Senate.

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Presiding Officer and the Executive Secretary of the Senate, the President of the Student Government Association, the Chairperson of the University Staff Council, the Chairperson of the Faculty Congress, and the President of the Alumni Association or delegated representative, all ex-officio, plus one additional student, one additional staff member, one additional faculty member and two administrators elected for one year terms by and from the membership of the Senate. The Chairperson of the Executive Committee shall be the Presiding Officer of the Senate.

The Executive Committee shall include the Chairs of all standing committees of the Senate as *ex officio* non-voting members who shall attend certain of the regular meetings of the Executive Committee as determined in the judgment of the voting members of the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee shall appoint the membership of standing committees of the Senate in those cases where elections to committees are not expressly provided. Appointments to standing committees shall be made approximately in accordance with preferences submitted by the members of the University community. The above appointments are subject to specific provisions and restrictions as hereafter noted.

#### *Section 2*

THE ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE -The Academic Policy Committee shall have authority to recommend policy for the Senate in major academic matters significantly affecting more than one college of the University and significantly affecting more than one represented constituency of the Senate. This committee shall also have a direct line to the Vice President for Academic Affairs as described in Article IV,

Section 5. This committee shall be assisted in its efforts by a Subcommittee on Academic Calendar and other subcommittees as it deems necessary or useful. (*Amended - April 10, 2001*)

The Academic Policy Committee shall consist of sixteen elected faculty (six of whom are also University Senators), six undergraduate students (one of whom is non-voting), two graduate students (one of whom shall be the Graduate Student Council President *ex officio*) and six members *ex officio*: Vice President for Academic Affairs (non-voting), Dean of Arts and Sciences, Dean of Engineering, Dean of Commerce and Finance, Dean of Nursing and Dean of Graduate Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences. The faculty members will be directly elected by constituency as described in Appendix A to this Constitution. Faculty elections shall be administered by the Faculty Congress. The term of office will be two years and members may be re-elected. The faculty members of this committee are also members of the Faculty Congress. Each of the four full-time undergraduate student bodies will elect a student representative for a one-year term and that person may be re-elected. The other two full-time undergraduate student representatives (one of whom will be non-voting) will be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Senate. There shall be two graduate student representatives, one of whom shall be the Graduate Student Council President who shall be an *ex officio* member of the Committee. The other graduate student representative will be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Senate from each of the four colleges on a rotating basis for a one-year term. The graduate student representatives may be re-appointed. The committee shall elect its chairperson.

### *Section 3*

THE ATHLETIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE -The Athletic Advisory Committee shall have authority to recommend policy for the Senate in all major areas of University policy regarding athletics affecting the University as a whole. The scope of the committee shall include intercollegiate athletics on varsity or club basis, and intramural athletics. It would be appropriate for the Executive Committee to consider gender equity in the composition of the Athletic Advisory Committee when filling vacant seats.

Recommendations concerning intramural athletics shall be made after consultation with the Student Life/Student Government Committee. The membership shall consist of three members of the administration (two of them shall be the Director of Athletics and Assistant Athletics Director/Senior Women's Administrator), four faculty members including the Faculty Athletic Representative who shall be *ex officio*, three students, two alumni and two staff. The student in charge of the ticket lottery program is an *ex officio* voting member of the committee. The terms of office shall be three years with the exception of the student members who shall serve for one year. The committee shall elect its chairperson.

### *Section 4*

THE BUDGET COMMITTEE - The Budget Committee shall monitor the development of the University Budget, not on an audit-type or a line-by-line review of all expenditures, but rather to make certain that major allocations of funds among the colleges, schools, activities and major interests of the University are in accord with University policies, priorities and resources.

The Budget Committee shall, as early as possible in each budgetary year, establish and maintain continuous liaison with the Administrative group designated by the President to formulate the University Budget (currently the University Administrative Planning & Budget Committee or UAPBC). The UPBC shall report its activities through the Budget Committee to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the agenda for each regular meeting of the Senate until such time as the budget is formally acted upon by the Senate. The Budget Committee shall immediately notify the Executive Committee of any proposed allocations that are not in

accord with University policies, priorities and resources. The UPBC and the Budget Committee shall jointly update the full Senate with respect to the status of budget formulation four times per academic year.

The Budget Committee shall consist of three administrators, three faculty, three students, one staff member and one alumni. All members shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Senate. The terms of office of faculty, administrative, alumni and staff members shall be three years, and the terms of office of the student members shall be one year. At least one Senator from each constituency except alumni and staff shall be appointed to the Budget Committee and said committee shall elect its chairperson from the Senators so appointed.

#### *Section 5*

THE COMMITTEE ON FACULTY - The University Senate Committee on Faculty shall have authority to recommend policy for the Senate in all major areas of faculty concern significantly affecting the University as a whole. The committee shall also have a direct line to the Vice President for Academic Affairs as described in Article IV, Section 4. The Committee on Faculty is also charged to consult with and advise the University Rank and Tenure Committee in order to encourage interaction between the two groups and increase faculty representation by including the opinions of faculty of all ranks.

The Committee on Faculty shall consist of fourteen elected faculty members (five of whom are also University Senators and one of whom shall be the Vice Chair of the Faculty Congress *ex officio*). The faculty members will be directly elected by constituency as described in Appendix A to this Constitution. Faculty elections shall be administered by the Faculty Congress. The term of office will be two years and members may be re-elected. The faculty members of this committee are also members of the Faculty Congress. This committee serves both as a committee of the University Senate and a committee of the Faculty Congress. The committee shall elect its chairperson. The Vice President for Academic Affairs sits *ex officio* on this committee when it acts in its capacity as a University Senate committee.

#### *Section 6*

THE RULES AND REVIEW COMMITTEE – The Rules and Review Committee Shall commence an evaluation report of the University Senate and of each standing committee of the Senate (exclusive of the Rules and Review Committee) on a revolving basis at least once every three to six years.

All questions concerning procedures of operation for the Senate shall be referred to this committee, and it shall recommend to the Senate the disposition to be made of any dispute concerning the operation of the Senate.

All recommendations to establish, dissolve, or combine standing committees of the Senate shall be referred to the Rules and Review Committee. The Rules and Review Committee shall present these recommendations and its conclusions to the Senate.

The Rules and Review Committee shall make an evaluation report of the University Senate, exclusive of the function and operations of the standing committees of the Senate in April, 2003, and every three years thereafter, and shall on a revolving basis make an evaluation report of each standing committee of the Senate (exclusive of the Rules and Review Committee) once every three years. All such reports shall be submitted to the Senate through the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall make periodic reports to the Rules & Review Committee as to the implementation or other disposition of recommendations contained in each such report.

The Rules and Review Committee shall consist of three faculty members, three administrators, three students, two alumni, one staff member and the Recording Secretary of the Senate *ex officio* non-voting. The terms of office shall be three years with the exception of the student members who shall serve for one year. The Chairperson and not more than four additional members of the committee shall come from the Senate, and the committee shall elect its chairperson.

#### *Section 7*

THE COMMITTEE ON MISSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE - The Committee on Mission and Social Justice shall be charged with responsibility for recommending to the Senate changes in University policies in areas of mission, social concern, service, and sensitivity to cultural diversity related to the functioning of Villanova University. It shall report its recommendations directly to the Executive Committee.

The Committee on Mission and Social Justice shall consist of four faculty members, two administrators, four students, two alumni and two staff members and the Executive Director of Multicultural Affairs, Director of Campus Ministry and Executive Director of Peace & Justice *ex officio*. The terms of office shall be two years with the exception of the student members who shall serve for one year. The committee shall elect its chairperson.

#### *Section 8*

THE STUDENT LIFE/STUDENT GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE - The Student Life/Student Government Committee shall have jurisdiction to recommend policy for the Senate on all major areas of student life significantly affecting the University as a whole. Student life matters are those matters concerning the general social and cultural welfare of all students of the University. Specific non-classroom matters of concern to this committee shall include but not be limited to counseling opportunities for work and self-help, a code of students' rights and responsibilities, student political activity and organizations, student publications and broadcasts, and extracurricular activities. The Student Life/Student Government Committee may make recommendations to the Athletic Advisory Committee with respect to intramural athletics. This committee shall also have a direct line to the Vice President for Student Life as described in Article IV, Section 6.

The Student Life/Student Government Committee shall consist of ten members *ex officio*: the Student Body President and Vice President, the Inter-Fraternity Council President, the Pan Hellenic Council President, the Inter-Hall Council President, the Campus Activities Team President, the Multicultural Student League President, the Vice President for Student Life, the Dean of Students, and the Student Development Director, plus one student selected by the Student Body President, two faculty members and one alumni. The terms of office shall be two years with the exception of the student members who shall serve for one year. The committee shall elect its chairperson.

#### *Section 9*

The Senate shall take no official legislative action with respect to a matter until that matter has been fully reviewed and reported upon by the appropriate committee of the Senate, unless two-thirds of the members of the Senate present and voting resolve to override this committee requirement. Nothing in this section, however, shall prevent the Senate from discussing, debating or expressing opinion upon a matter raised in the Senate without prior Committee review, provided that no official legislative action is taken with respect to the matter.

**ARTICLE IX**  
**OPERATIONS OF THE SENATE**

*Section 1*

The University Senate shall meet at least three times each semester, with the date and time of the meetings to be determined by the Senate and published in advance. Extraordinary meetings or additional meetings may be called at the discretion of the Executive Committee of the Senate. The Executive Committee must call an extraordinary meeting of the Senate at the request of at least one-third of the membership of the Senate, stating the reason for their request.

*Section 2*

The quorum necessary for the conduct of Senate business shall be as determined in the By-Laws of the Senate, provided that it shall not be less than a majority of the full membership of the Senate.

*Section 3*

The meetings of the University Senate shall ordinarily be open to the University community.

*Section 4*

The Senate shall publish minutes of its deliberations. The minutes shall record votes taken and legislation passed, and shall be distributed to the University community.

*Section 5*

No faculty member, administrator, or student at Villanova shall be given a reduced teaching load or a reduced work load because of service to the University Senate, except that the Presiding Officer of the Senate, a faculty member, shall have a reduced teaching load determined at the discretion of the Vice President for Academic Affairs.

*Section 6*

The University Senate shall be provided with office facilities and shall have the use of one full-time secretary for the conduct of its business.

## ARTICLE X

### PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF SENATE LEGISLATION BY THE PRESIDENT AND/OR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### *Section 1*

When the University Senate passes legislation in areas where it has policy-making powers, this legislation shall be forwarded to the President within a fifteen (15) day period. During the thirty (30) day period following the transmittal of the legislation to him by the Executive Committee, the President has the following options:

- a. The President, within the scope of his authority, may approve and sign the legislation; it would then go into effect in accordance with its terms.
- b. The President may veto the legislation for stated reasons.
- c. The President may, for stated reasons, return the legislation to the Senate immediately for reconsideration, with or without proposed modifications.
- d. The President may inform the Executive Committee of the Senate that the legislation is being sent to the Board of Trustees for consideration.

#### *Section 2*

If the President does not choose to exercise any of the options in Article X, Section 1 within the thirty (30) day period following the transmittal of Senate legislation, then the Senate may forward the legislation directly to the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.

#### *Section 3*

The Executive Committee of the Senate may, if it believes an emergency exists, request of the President a more rapid consideration of Senate legislation.

#### *Section 4*

If option Ad@ in Article X, Section 1 is used by the President, or, if Section 2 is used by the Senate, and Senate legislation is sent to the Board of Trustees for consideration, then the Board of Trustees, in the three month period after submission of the legislation to the Board, has the following options:

- a. The Board of Trustees may approve the legislation; it would then go into effect in accordance with its terms.
- b. The Board of Trustees may veto the legislation for stated reasons. There is no appeal from a veto of the Board of Trustees.
- c. The Board of Trustees may, for stated reasons, return legislation to the Senate for reconsideration, with or without proposed modifications.

*Section 5*

If the Board of Trustees does not choose to exercise any of the options contained in Article X, Section 4 within six months after official notice of submission of the legislation to the Board, then the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees shall, at the request of the Executive Committee of the Senate, meet with the Executive Committee of the Senate to discuss and dispose of the proposed legislation.

*Section 6*

In the case of a Presidential veto, or in the case of return of legislation by the President or the Board of Trustees, the Senate has (30) days, after reception by its Executive Committee of returned or Presidentially-vetoed legislation, to reconsider this legislation and return it for further consideration, if it wishes, to the President if he returned the legislation, or to the Board of Trustees, in the event the Board returned the legislation, or the President earlier vetoed it. The Executive Committee of the Senate, at its discretion, may postpone consideration of legislation during the summer months.

*Section 7*

In the event the President is unable to discharge the duties of his office by reason of illness or prolonged absence, or if the office of President is vacant and an Acting-President has not been appointed, the duties and powers of the President under this Constitution shall be assumed by the person upon whom devolves the responsibilities of the chief executive officer of the University.

**ARTICLE XI**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE**

*Section 1*

Two-thirds of the full membership of the University Senate may amend the Constitution thereof. If a recommendation for constitutional change is presented to the Senate by the Rules and Review Committee, then a majority of the full membership of the Senate may pass such constitutional revision, provided, however, that the Senate may not dissolve the Committee on Faculty or the Student Life/Student Government Committee without a vote of two-thirds of the full membership, whether or not such dissolution is recommended by the Rules and Review Committee (Article VII, Section 4).

*Section 2*

Any amendment to this Constitution is subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.

**Appendix A**  
to  
Amended and Restated Constitution of the Villanova University Senate  
dated January 1, 2000

University Senate Election Procedures for Faculty

**STEP ONE -- ELECTION OF FACULTY UNIVERSITY SENATORS**

12 Faculty Senators will be elected at one time according to constituency:

- 4 from ARTS
- 2 from SCIENCES
- 2 from COMMERCE & FINANCE
- 2 from ENGINEERING
- 1 from LAW
- 1 from NURSING

1 Chairperson of New Faculty Congress *ex officio*

\_\_\_\_\_ equals = 13 FACULTY SENATORS

**STEP TWO -- ELECTION TO ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE AND COMMITTEE ON FACULTY**

1. *ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE* - Six Senators on Committee

The 11 elected Senators (not Law) will be polled as to interest on the committee and 6 senators will take the seats assigned to their constituency. After they choose, elections will be held in those constituencies not already filled.

Faculty membership on the Academic Policy Committee would be as follows:

A&S - Group I	2 seats
A&S - Group II	2 seats
A&S - Group III	2 seats
A&S - Group IV	2 seats
A&S - Group V	2 seats
Engineering	2 seats
Nursing	2 seats
Commerce & Finance	2 seats

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Total faculty seats on APC = 16

2. *COMMITTEE ON FACULTY* - Five Senators on Committee

The 12 elected Senators will be polled as to interest on the committee and 5 senators will take the seats assigned to their constituency. After they choose, elections will be held in those constituencies not already filled.

However, in the case of the College of Commerce & Finance, the number of faculty has increased over the other two colleges, Nursing and Engineering, to the extent that C&F faculty has twice the number of faculty in each of those two colleges. Therefore, C&F has been awarded 3 seats on the COF, with Nursing and Engineering each adding 1 seat for a total of 2 seats each.

Faculty membership on the Committee on Faculty would be as follows:

A&S - Group I	1 seat
A&S - Group II	1 seat
A&S - Group III	1 seat
A&S - Group IV	1 seat
A&S - Group V	1 seat
Engineering (+1)	2 seats
Law	1 seat
Nursing (+1)	2 seats
Commerce & Finance (+2)	3 seats
Vice Chair of Faculty	
Congress, <i>ex officio</i>	1 seat

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Total faculty seats on COF = 14