

DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS
THE FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
BY-LAWS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

As the faculty of the Department of Statistics we believe that our primary purpose as a unit is to advance in our discipline through teaching, research and consulting. We shall do this in an atmosphere of collegiality and constructive cooperation. Our chairperson is the chief administrator and the academic leader of our department. Each faculty member has an equal responsibility and an equal voice in furthering the academic goals and in maintaining the academic excellence of our department.

ADMINISTRATION

A chairperson shall be elected by the faculty of the Department to serve a three-year term, with the consent of the Dean of the College.

Faculty meetings are typically called by the chairperson or by petition to the chairperson of at least three permanent members. In the latter case the meeting is to be held within three weeks. Voting is limited to permanent faculty; one-half of their number constitutes a quorum. Robert's Rules of order constitute an informal guide to the conduct of meetings.

The two permanent committees of the Department are the Promotion and Tenure Committee and the Evaluation and Merit Increase Committee. Each committee consists of four members, elected annually by the permanent faculty, plus the chairperson ex-officio. Members of the Promotion and Tenure Committee are tenured faculty. The chairperson may appoint such other committees as necessary.

The chairperson may be recalled by a two-thirds vote of the permanent faculty. The results of the secret ballot would be forwarded to the Dean of the College.

This document can be modified by a two-thirds vote of the permanent faculty.

Amendments:

1. The executive committee of the department shall consist of 4 members elected by the permanent faculty. In addition, the chair serves Ex-officio. Tenured faculty are eligible for election to the executive committee.

Adopted by vote of faculty 4/4/2006.

2. The chair appoints standing Committees. The standing committees of the department are:

- a. The Academic Affairs Committee
- b. The Graduate Student Recruiting and Admissions Committee
- c. The Graduate Student Evaluation and Awards Committee.
- d. The Computing Policy and Acquisitions Committee.

Adopted by vote of the faculty 4/4/2006.

3. The executive committee serves as the faculty recruiting committee for the department with the Chair serving ex-officio. The committee reviews all applications and seeks feedback from the faculty on all candidates. The executive committee also serves as the recruitment committee for a new chair when necessary, and in this case, the Chair no longer serves on the committee.

Adopted by vote of the faculty 4/4/2006.

4. The entire by-laws of the department shall be re-affirmed by vote of the permanent faculty at least every five years. The next vote shall occur before May 1, 2011.

Adopted by vote of the faculty 4/4/2006.