4. FACULTY GOVERNANCE

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BY-LAWS OF THE FACULTY OF WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

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Preamble. Appointment to the Wesleyan faculty, whether on a part-time, full-time, non-tenured or tenured basis, is subject to and governed by the terms and provisions of the following section.

Part I. The Faculty

Sec. 101. Composition of the Faculty. The by-laws of Wesleyan University state that “The faculty shall consist of the professors, associate professors, assistant professors, lecturers, and instructors, and the president of the University, together with such others as may be constituted members thereof by vote of the Board of Trustees.” (Chapter IV, Section 1)

Sec. 102. Active Duty. The term, on active duty, means not on sabbatical or other leave of absence.

Sec. 103. Secretary. The Academic Secretary shall keep minutes of meetings, maintain a roll of the faculty and of those who have been invited to attend meetings, determine and certify the attainment of a quorum, certify the competence of members to vote, and circulate notices to the faculty.

Part II. Departments, Colleges, Programs, and Divisions

Sec. 201. Departments, Colleges, and Programs. Each member of the faculty is a member of at least one department, college, or program. Faculty members of equal academic rank have equal rights and privileges in the conduct of the affairs of the departments, colleges, or programs to which they belong. All matters of departmental administration, save personnel matters, are the subject of conference among all the faculty members in the department, regardless of academic rank.

Sec. 202. Divisions. The departments are grouped in three Divisions: Division I – Arts and Humanities; Division II – Social Sciences; and Division III – Natural Sciences and Mathematics. The divisions consider matters of educational policy, and make recommendations through the Educational Policy Committee to the faculty, or to the president and his or her delegates.

Part III. Powers and Responsibilities

Sec. 301. Powers of the Faculty. The by-laws of Wesleyan University specify the powers of the faculty as follows: “The faculty, with the concurrence of the president, shall have power to determine, subject to the approval of or revision
by the Board of Trustees, the courses of study, the arrangements of the recitations, lectures, and other exercises, the times and modes of examination, and the general method of instruction.” (Chapter IV, Section 3)

“The degree of bachelor of arts may be conferred on students recommended by the faculty as having completed the quota of studies required for the degree, and as having complied with all other prescribed conditions, in accordance with such regulations as may, from time to time, be adopted by the faculty with the approval of the Board of Trustees.” (Chapter V, Section 2)

“A post-baccalaureate degree may be conferred on any student recommended by the faculty as having completed courses of study prescribed for that degree, and as having complied with all other prescribed conditions, in accordance with such regulations as may, from time to time, be adopted by the faculty with the approval of the board.” (Chapter V, Section 3)

Sec. 302. Power to Recommend and Petition. On matters not within its immediate jurisdiction, the faculty may vote recommendations or direct petitions to the president and/or the Board of Trustees.

Sec. 303. Delegation of Powers. The faculty may delegate any of its powers to committees, to departments, or to other delegates.

Part IV. Faculty Meetings

Sec. 401. Schedule and Notice of Meetings

a) The faculty of Wesleyan University shall meet at least three times during each semester. The schedule of these meetings shall be published and circulated to the faculty at the beginning of each academic year.

(b) The faculty meetings shall be presided over by the chair, or in his/her absence, the vice-chair. The chair and vice chair shall be tenured full professors, elected for overlapping two-year terms, and are exempt from all committee service during their terms. The vice-chair automatically becomes the chair during the second year of his/her term.

(c) The agenda for faculty meetings, including special meetings, shall be published and circulated to the faculty at least five days prior to the scheduled meeting.

(d) The faculty may be convened on special occasions by the president, or upon petition of not less than 20 percent of the faculty on active service. The president or the petitioners must specify the nature of the business to be brought to the faculty; and petitions shall be submitted to the chair. Upon receipt, the chair shall notify the faculty in writing of the schedule for the meeting and the proposals to be considered, as stated by the president or the petitioners. Such meeting shall be held no later than two weeks after the receipt