



School of Media & Communication

**DATE:** June 11, 2025

**TO:** Dr. Robert Hale  
Associate Provost

**FROM:** Mac McKerral  
Faculty Senate Chair

**RE:** Faculty handbook  
I.B.1 Editorial and non-substantive changes  
Organizational Structure et. al.

Rob:

This confirms the approval during its May 15, 2025, meeting of the Faculty Senate Recommendation for substantive and non-substantive changes regarding section I.B.1 in the Faculty Handbook.

*GM*

*Approved — Robert Fischer*

## Proposal to Amend WKU Faculty Handbook

Section(s) to be amended: I.B.1  
Corresponding page number(s): 4  
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1. Type of Change:

Editorial (non-substantive)

Substantive

Editorial revisions include updates to the organizational structure, web addresses and names/titles, as well as other similar non-substantive changes. Substantive change is defined as addition, deletion, or revision of policy or procedure.

Addition: Where possible, identify the section of the handbook to which addition is proposed:

Deletion: Identify the section of the handbook from which deletion is proposed:

Revision: Identify the section of the handbook to which revision is proposed:

2. Proposals should be made in the form of text intended as an addition to or a replacement of, in whole or in part, some current section of the Faculty Handbook.

**Current:**

**I.B. Major University Committees:**

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**Proposed Revision:**

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