

Standing Committees of the University Senate

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University Senate Bylaws, Article IV, Section 4

IV.Section 4. All members of the University Senate shall have at least one University Senate committee assignment. Faculty, staff, administrators and students who are not members of the University Senate may be nominated to University Senate committees if the Subcommittee on Nominations deems that appropriate. **Committee members who are not members of the University Senate shall be afforded all rights of committee membership, including voting, but shall have none of these rights in the University Senate.**

V.Section2.A. Membership of the Standing Committees

V.Section2.A.1. There shall be five standing committees: the Academic Policy Committee, the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Committee, the Faculty Affairs Policy Committee, the Student Affairs Policy Committee, and the Resources, Planning, and Institutional Policy Committee

V.Section2.A.2. There shall be thirteen (13) members on each standing committee identified in a manner specified in V.Section2.C. There shall be no fewer than seven (7) senators on each standing committee.

V.Section2.C. Standing Committees

These committees shall have the following three functions (a) develop recommendations for new policy, (b) develop recommendations that revise existing policy, and (c) serve in advisory role, each applied in a manner consistent with the purposes and powers of the University Senate expressed in Article I. The inclusion of an appropriate vice president or designee is to improve committee effectiveness through communication and coordination with an appropriate administrator who has authority and responsibility for policy implementation in the general area addressed by the committee.

V.Section2.C.1. Academic Policy Committee (APC)

V.Section2.C.1.a. The Academic Policy Committee shall have thirteen (13) members distributed as follows: eleven (11) members selected from the Corps of Instruction faculty, at least seven (7) of which are elected faculty senators, one (1) member that is the Vice President of Academic Affairs or an individual appointed by the Vice President of Academic Affairs to serve as his/her designee, and one (1) member appointed by the University President in compliance with II.Section1.A.5.

II.Section1.A.5. V.Section2.C.1.b. The Academic Policy Committee shall be concerned with policy relating to undergraduate and graduate education matters that have broad impact or implication to the university as a whole, which includes, but is not limited to, policies relating to grading, scholastic probation and honors, academic appeals, academic standing, standards for admission, academic calendar, academic ceremonies, intellectual property, human subjects and research. This committee also provides advice, as appropriate, on academic procedural matters at the institution.

V.Section2.C.2. Curriculum and Assessment Policy Committee (CAPC)

V.Section2.C.2.a. The Curriculum and Assessment Policy Committee shall have thirteen (13) members distributed as follows: eleven (11) members selected from the Corps of Instruction faculty, at least seven (7) of which are elected faculty senators, one (1) member that is the Vice President of Academic Affairs or an individual appointed by the Vice President of Academic Affairs to serve as his/her designee, and one (1) member appointed by the University President in compliance with II.Section1.A.5.

V.Section2.C.2.b. The Curriculum and Assessment Policy Committee shall be concerned with policy relating to curriculum and academic assessment, which includes, but is not limited to, policies relating to general university degree requirements (e.g. General Education Curriculum, Foreign Language requirement, Wellness requirement), academic program assessment, and continuing education and non-degree programs. In addition to its policy recommending function, this committee shall be responsible for reviewing and approving proposals to create or deactivate certificates, concentrations, degree programs, and minors, as well as the periodic review of general education requirements and learning outcomes. This committee also provides advice, as appropriate, on procedural matters relating to curriculum and academic assessment.

V.Section2.C.3. Faculty Affairs Policy Committee (FAPC)

V.Section2.C.3.a. The Faculty Affairs Policy Committee shall have thirteen (13) members distributed as follows: eleven (11) members selected from the Corps of Instruction faculty, at least seven (7) of which are elected faculty senators, one (1) member that is the Vice President of Academic Affairs or an individual appointed by the Vice President of Academic Affairs to serve as his/her designee, and one (1) member appointed by the University President in compliance with II.Section1.A.5.

V.Section2.C.3.b. The Faculty Affairs Policy Committee shall be concerned with policy relating to faculty welfare (e.g. authorities, responsibilities, rights, recognitions, privileges, and opportunities), which includes, but is not limited to, policies relating to academic freedom, workload, compensation, recruitment, retention, promotion, tenure, recognitions, development, and instructional support. This committee also provides advice, as appropriate, on procedural matters that affect the welfare of the faculty.

V.Section2.C.4. Student Affairs Policy Committee (SAPC)

V.Section2.C.4.a. The Student Affairs Policy Committee shall have thirteen (13) members distributed as follows: six (6) members selected from the Corps of Instruction faculty, at least four (4) of which are elected faculty senators, two (2) members that are students serving on the University Senate, one (1) member that is a selected staff senator, one (1) member that is the Vice President of Student Affairs or an individual appointed by the Vice President of Student Affairs to serve as his/her designee, one (1) member that is a staff member nominated by Staff Council, one (1) member that is a student nominated by the Student Government Association, and one (1) member appointed by the University President in compliance with II.Section1.A.5.

V.Section2.C.4.b. The Student Affairs Policy Committee shall be concerned with policy relating to the general social, cultural, and practical welfare of students, which includes, but is not limited to, policies relating to non-academic areas such as conduct and discipline, grievances and non-academic appeals, financial aid, human services for students (e.g. health center, counseling), organizations, awards, intercollegiate athletics, and other extracurricular activities (e.g. Greek life, residence life, intramurals). This committee also provides advice, as appropriate, on procedural matters that affect the general social, cultural, and practical welfare of the students.

V.Section2.C.5. Resources, Planning, and Institutional Policy Committee (RPIPC)

V.Section2.C.5.a. The Resources, Planning, and Institutional Policy Committee shall have thirteen (13) members distributed as follows: six (6) members selected from the Corps of Instruction faculty, at least four (4) of which are elected faculty senators, three (3) members that are selected staff senators, one (1) member that is the Vice President of Business and Finance or an individual appointed by the Vice President of Business and Finance to serve as his/her designee, one (1) member that is a staff member nominated by Staff Council, one (1) member that is a student nominated by the Student Government Association, and one (1) member appointed by the University President in compliance with II.Section1.A.5.

V.Section2.C.5.b. The Resources, Planning, and Institutional Policy Committee shall be concerned with policy relating to non-instructional personnel (including administrative personnel) and institutional budget and planning functions, which includes, but is not limited to, policies relating to recruitment, hiring, evaluation, welfare and development as well as compliance with local, state, and federal guidelines (e.g. affirmative action, ADA, homeland security), and institutional support functions of the university (e.g. technology, parking) In addition, this committee shall review and provide advice on master planning, strategic planning, and budgeting processes and provides advice, as appropriate, on other procedural matters that affect the general welfare of the institution and its employees.