

Academic Advisory Council

Purpose. The general purpose of this Council is to facilitate a) the development and implementation of strategic academic plans, b) on-going academic program administration and assessment, (c) the construction of policy proposals for consideration by the Faculty Senate, and (d) the implementation of academic policies as legislated by the Faculty Senate. It is not the purpose of the Academic Advisory Council to legislate on matters on which the Faculty Senate has legislative authority.

Responsibilities. The responsibilities of the Academic Advisory Council shall include:

- the administration of ongoing academic program assessment and evaluation in accordance with protocols approved by the Faculty Senate and the University President;
- longer-term planning and shorter-term recommendations regarding the allocations of academic resources;
- holistic input on proposals to initiate new academic programs, to substantially modify continuing academic programs, and to discontinue existing academic programs;
- to bring forth to the Faculty Senate and to the Faculty Handbook Committee proposals relative to academic policy; and,
- to assure that academic policies are being applied consistently and comprehensively throughout the various schools and divisions.

Membership. In order to carry out its responsibilities, and to assure the proper coordination of efforts through-out the Schools and the working committees of the Faculty Senate, the Board's membership shall consist of:

1. The Provost/VPAA as chair
2. The Deans of the Schools
3. The Faculty Senate Chair, the vice-chair, as well as the chair of the Senate's Academic Standards Committee, the chair(s) of its Curriculum Committee, and the chair of its Finance Committee, plus a tenured, at-large senator
4. The University's Registrar and Director of Institutional Research
5. Director of Faculty Development

Meetings. The Council shall have regularly scheduled meetings at least monthly throughout the calendar year. The Council shall operate on a consensus model.

Reporting. The Council shall provide monthly reports to the President and to the Faculty Senate and forward its recommendations as appropriate. Council recommendations on matters within the legislative purview of the Faculty Senate shall be passed on to the Faculty Senate, as an item of correspondence, within one week of their determination.