

Bylaws of the Faculty Senate  
Bylaw 20 (A)(2)(b)

- (b) Certain committees shall be designated as Joint Committees. These shall include:
1. Academic Assessment Committee. The President shall appoint four members to this committee, and the Senate shall elect four members from the faculty at large. Preference should be given to members with previous experience in curriculum development and evaluation and/or program accreditation. The student government shall select one non-voting student member. The President or the President's designee appoints the chair. A co-chair will be elected from and by the four Senate-elected members. The Academic Assessment Committee reviews Academic Learning Compacts (ALCs) for all undergraduate, graduate, professional and certificate academic programs, and all Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs) and program goals for each academic program at the University. The committee reviews and recommends the Institutional Assessment Plans for General Education and Quality Enhancement Plan. The committee will provide an annual report of its work, findings, and recommendations to the Senate and the President.
  2. Academic Personnel Board. The President will appoint ten members, five of whom will be selected from a slate of nominees elected by the Faculty Senate from the faculty at large. All faculty nominees must be senior-ranked faculty members with strong teaching and research records, selected from a variety of disciplines. Eligible faculty members are those who have attained the highest promotional rank in the faculty title series to which they are appointed and who do not also have an academic administrative appointment. Three times as many nominees as openings will be provided annually. The Chair is appointed by the President or the President's designee. The Academic Personnel Board advises the President with respect to promotion and tenure nominations, serving in a fact-finding and consultative role. The President may divide the Academic Personnel Board into more than one working group to expedite the review of nominations.
  3. University Curriculum Committee. The President or the President's designee shall appoint 12 voting members to this committee from the majority of baccalaureate degree-granting colleges within the University. The Senate shall elect twelve voting members from the faculty at large. Student Government shall select three non-voting members. The non-voting chair shall be appointed by the President or the President's designee. A cochair who shall have the right to vote shall be elected by and from the Committee Senate representatives. This Committee shall consider all requests for changes in undergraduate curricula or catalog listings, and for the

addition of new undergraduate courses of instruction in any of the colleges, divisions and schools of the University, except the Graduate School. When the question under consideration pertains to a course or courses at the “5000” level, available for graduate major credit, the Committee shall act jointly with the Graduate School. The Committee shall endeavor to eliminate unnecessary proliferation of courses and duplication of subject matter among courses. Ordinarily, the Committee’s decisions on proposals to add courses to the curriculum or to delete courses from the curriculum shall be final, but the department that is offering the course or proposing to offer it, may appeal the Committee’s decision to the Senate. Such an appeal shall be addressed to the Committee, which shall either reverse its earlier decision or ask the Steering Committee to schedule Senate consideration of the appeal. The Committee’s decision on proposals to add, delete, or make changes in programs of instruction leading to undergraduate degrees shall not be a final decision, but shall be submitted to the Senate for final action. When the Committee begins to consider items requiring Senate approval, the Committee’s co-chair shall inform the Chair of the Academic Policy Council.

3.4. Professional Curriculum Committee. The President or the President’s designee shall appoint 6 voting members to this committee, preferably from professional degree-granting colleges or programs within the University. The Senate shall elect six voting members from the faculty at large. Student Government shall select one non-voting member. The non-voting chair shall be appointed by the President or the President’s designee. A cochair who shall have the right to vote shall be elected by and from the Committee Senate representatives. This Committee shall consider all requests for changes in professional curricula, and for the addition of new professional courses of instruction in any of the colleges, divisions, and schools of the University, except the Graduate School. The Committee shall endeavor to eliminate unnecessary proliferation of courses and duplication of subject matter among courses. Ordinarily, the Committee’s decisions on proposals to add courses to the curriculum or to delete courses from the curriculum shall be final, but the department that is offering the course or proposing to offer it, may appeal the Committee’s decision to the Senate. Such an appeal shall be addressed to the Committee, which shall either reverse its earlier decision or ask the Steering Committee to schedule Senate consideration of the appeal. The Committee’s decision on proposals to add, delete, or make changes in programs of instruction leading to professional degrees shall not be a final decision, but shall be submitted to the Senate for final

action. When the Committee begins to consider items requiring Senate approval, the Committee's co-chair shall inform the Chair of the Academic Policy Council.

4.5. General Education Committee. The President or the President's designee shall appoint twelve voting members to this committee from the majority of baccalaureate degree-granting colleges within the University. The Senate shall elect twelve voting members from the faculty at large. Student Government shall select two non-voting members. The non-voting chair shall be appointed by the President or the President's designee. A co-chair who shall have the right to vote shall be elected by and from the Committee's Senate representatives. The General Education Committee establishes a philosophy of what constitutes the general education component for baccalaureate degrees offered by the University. It reviews, in accordance with established criteria, all courses proposed to fulfill General Education and University Writing and Math requirements. It makes recommendations to the Curriculum Committee regarding the continued effectiveness of the general education program.

5.6. Graduate Council. The Graduate Council shall assist the dean in executing the policies of the Graduate Faculty in matters related to graduate study and associated research. It shall be composed of twelve members of the Graduate Faculty, a graduate student elected by the Graduate Student Council, a representative from the Graduate Coordinators' Advisory Council, and the Dean of the Graduate School who shall serve as Chairperson. In the Dean's absence, an Associate Dean shall be designated as the Dean's representative. Six of the twelve faculty members of the Graduate Council shall be elected by the Graduate Faculty for overlapping terms of three years. Each year, the Dean of the Graduate School will appoint a Nominating Committee of no fewer than three members of the Graduate Council. The Nominating Committee will provide a slate of six or more candidates which will be discussed by the members of the Graduate Council who will determine the final slate to be put forth to the Graduate Faculty for a vote. This process will take place before the end of the Spring semester. The entire slate indicating the individuals elected will be presented to the Provost for consideration in making appointments for the other members of the Graduate Council. The graduate student member of the Graduate Council, who must be a doctoral student, serves a two-year term. During the first year, the student serves as a non-voting alternate member who is expected to attend all meetings and participate in the deliberations. During the second year, the student assumes voting privileges, and a new alternate member is elected by the Graduate

Student Council to a two-year term. The Graduate Coordinators' Advisory Council representative shall be a current member of that body, elected by its membership to a one-year term on the Graduate Council and eligible for re-election for a second term. The Graduate Council shall establish sub-committees as needed, and shall prepare the agenda for Graduate Faculty meetings, which shall normally be held at least once a term. Agenda items to be acted upon at Graduate Faculty meetings shall be reported on by the subcommittee responsible. Other motions from the floor shall be referred to the appropriate subcommittee.

be chosen for one-year terms: one by the Student Government and one by the Graduate Student Council. The Committee shall assist University leaders in developing and updating strategic plans for information and communications technology. The Committee shall advise the Faculty Senate on all information and communications technology, including those matters affecting the University. The Chief Information Officer or her or his designated liaison shall present matters of policy to the Committee in a timely manner, provide the Committee with pertinent details about information and communications technology network policy changes, and report to the Committee on actions taken in response to the Committee's recommendations.

**Section 5. JOINT COMMITTEES.** Faculty involvement is important for the disposition of certain key University issues with academic and administrative implications. In the spirit of shared governance, these issues are dealt with by Joint Committees. These committees are established and dissolved jointly by the President and the Senate and include members appointed by the President and members elected by the Senate to represent the faculty. Typically one half of each Committee's membership is comprised of elected faculty members and one half of appointed faculty members, except as specified otherwise in the Senate Bylaws. Joint Committees report to the President and, to the extent allowed, provide information on committee activities and meeting minutes to the Senate. At any time the President or Senate may evaluate the effectiveness of Joint Committees in conjunction with the Committee on Committees. Through the mechanism established in Article VIII, such committees may be mutually restructured.

The Joint Committees are:

- (1) Academic Assessment Committee (2)  
Academic Personnel Board
- (3) University Curriculum Committee
- ~~(3)~~(4) [Professional Curriculum Committee](#)
- ~~(4)~~(5) General Education Committee
- ~~(5)~~(6) Graduate Council
- ~~(6)~~(7) Lakes, Vegetation and Landscape Committee
- ~~(7)~~(8) Land Use and Facilities Planning Committee
- ~~(8)~~(9) Parking and Transportation Committee
- ~~(9)~~(10) Preservation of Historic Buildings and Sites Committee
- ~~(10)~~(11) Research Policy Committee
- ~~(11)~~(12) Student Petitions Committee
- ~~(12)~~(13) Sustainability Committee