

ACADEMIC STANDARDS

COMMITTEE CHARGE

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1. Name: Academic Standards Committee

2. Membership:

7 elected faculty members.

Ex-officio members (with vote): The Chancellor or an appointed representative, the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs or an appointed representative, the Chair of the Faculty, one faculty senator selected by the Chair of the Faculty, and one student member from the Student Government Association.

The chair of the committee may invite resource persons as necessary to realize the committee charge. The chair of the committee may appoint such subcommittees as he or she deems necessary.

3. Quorum: 4 elected members exclusive of ex-officio.

4. Committee Responsibilities:

A. The committee recommends policies to improve and advance faculty teaching and student learning.

B. The committee promotes teaching excellence and recommends means to identify faculty teaching success. The committee assists units requesting aid in developing teaching evaluation instruments for personnel decisions. The Committee recommends policies and programs to improve the physical environment in which teaching occurs. The committee provides a forum for faculty opinion concerning the design of new academic buildings and renovation of existing academic buildings.

C. The committee makes recommendations regarding proposed changes, including individual courses, in the general education requirements. The committee makes recommendations to the University Curriculum Committee regarding proposed changes in the general education requirements.

D. The committee reviews the annual report of the Director of the Writing Across the Curriculum Program and the Director of the Honors Program.

5. To Whom The Committee Reports:

The committee reports to the Faculty Senate its recommendations of policies, procedures, and criteria cited above. ~~The committee also recommends semester course offerings in the Writing Across the Curriculum Program to the Director of the Writing Across the Curriculum Program and semester course offerings in the Honors Program to the Director of the Honors Program.~~ The committee recommends curricular changes in the Writing Across the Curriculum Program, Honors Program, and General Education to the University Curriculum Committee.

6. How Often The Committee Reports:

The committee reports to the Faculty Senate at least once a year and at other times as necessary.

7. Power Of The Committee To Act Without Faculty Senate Approval:

The committee is empowered to make reports to the program directors as indicated above and to the University Curriculum Committee as appropriate.

8. Standard Meeting Time:

The committee meeting time is scheduled for the third Monday of each month.

This new committee replaced the General Education, Teaching Effectiveness, Honors Program, and Writing Across the Curriculum Committees.