



Academic Standards Subcommittee

The Academic Standards Subcommittee is a subcommittee of the Faculty Senate Academic Policies Committee (APC), responsible for recommending policy on academic standards and making decisions on petitions from students seeking exception to established academic standards.

Charge

- A. Makes decisions on petitions from students seeking exception to established academic standards;
- B. Recommends policy on academic standards (e.g., graduation with honors, probationary status, and repeat course policy); and
- C. Prepares and presents an annual report to the Faculty Senate.

Membership

A. Voting Members

1. Ten college-based faculty members. No more than two members may be from a single college and no two members may be from the same department/unit. Every effort shall be made to encourage membership from each college.

B. Non-Voting/Ex-Officio Members

1. One liaison from, and appointed by, the Academic Policies Committee;
2. The University Registrar;*
3. Senior Associate Registrar – Committee Liaison for Students;*
4. One College-based Associate Dean; *
5. One staff member appointed by the University Staff Assembly; and
6. The Faculty Senate Chair.

*Administrative positions are appointed by the President or designee.

Additional ex-officio membership may be recommended by the subcommittee, the Academic Policies Committee, the Executive Committee, or the President or designee.

Term

- A. The term of appointment for faculty representatives shall be for two years, with the possibility of reappointment. Appointments will be staggered to ensure that approximately one-half of the faculty members are appointed each year.
- B. The term of the non-voting / ex-officio members will be one-year, except for the University Staff Assembly representative who will serve a two year term.

Officers

Chair

- A. The Chair shall be elected from and be among the voting members of the Committee.
- B. The term of office of the Chair shall be one year. The term shall begin at noon on the last day of the spring semester in which he or she is elected and shall end at noon on the last day of the spring semester of the following year.
- C. A faculty member may be elected to serve up to three consecutive terms of one year each as the Committee Chair. After an interval of a year following the end of the third consecutive term, the faculty member shall become eligible again for election to the Chair of the Committee.
- D. The Chair is responsible for establishing the agenda for each meeting.

Vice-Chair

- A. At its first meeting of the academic year, the Committee shall elect from its voting members a Vice-Chair.
- B. The term of office of the Vice-Chair shall be one academic year. The term shall begin upon election of the Vice-Chair at the first committee meeting of the year and shall end at noon on the last day of the spring semester of the academic year.
- C. The Vice-Chair shall preside over the routine business of the Committee under the following circumstances: In the absence of the Committee Chair or should the office of the Committee Chair become vacant, until the election of a new Committee Chair.

Operations

- A. The Committee shall be a subcommittee committee of, and reporting to, the Academic Policies Committee.
- B. Issues addressed by the Committee may be referred to the Academic Policies Committee and/or the Executive Committee.
- C. Any of the Standing Policy Committees of the Faculty Senate may refer issues to the Committee either through the Academic Policies Committee or the Executive Committee.

Committee Meetings

- A. The Committee shall meet monthly or as needed at a designated time and place. Because of the sensitive content of committee meetings, they shall be open to faculty only.
- B. The meeting agenda shall be distributed and supporting documentation provided to the Committee at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.
- C. A quorum of the Committee shall be a majority of the voting members. The Committee shall not officially take action in the absence of a quorum.
- D. To be a constituted committee/subcommittee (able to officially conduct business) the majority (more than 50%) of the seats must be filled (non-vacant).
- E. A quorum for all committees/subcommittees exist only if a majority (more than 50%) of the filled seats of the voting membership are present.

Adoption of Standing Rules

- FS 19/20-34/EX: Quorum – Senate adoption October 3, 2019
- FS 1415-103/AS/APC/EX: Adopted February 5, 2015
- AS 91-68: Adopted September 12, 1991