

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE

Mandate:

The Committee on Governance shall be responsible for faculty appointments to faculty committees and shall coordinate changes in the committee structure. (The Student Senate Appointments Committee, as provided in the Student Senate Constitution, shall name the student members of the faculty committees, and the Board of Trustees and the Alumni Board shall name the members representing them.) There are four situations where the committee should send items to Faculty Senate for information: 1) major changes to committee mandates, 2) committee rosters, 3) the formation of new faculty committees, and 4) the termination of any faculty committees. Specifically, the committee shall:

1. Establish procedures and eligibility guidelines for appointments to faculty committees.
2. Appoint standing faculty committees, except as otherwise provided by faculty action (e.g. the Planning and Priorities Committee), soliciting suggestions from the faculty concerning appointments to the various committees.
3. Appoint *ad hoc* committees except as otherwise provided in implementing motions creating a given committee.
4. Review all proposals for creation of new committees or the dissolution of current ones.
5. Coordinate the responsibilities and activities of committees and, if necessary, recommend action to the Faculty Senate.
6. Approve two non-Senate students for the Student Senate Appointments Committee. (See II.B.1 of the Student Senate Bylaws.)
7. Inform appointed and *ex officio* members of all committees.
8. Review the faculty's role in the governance of the college every five years and prepare a report that recommends any changes necessary to maintain a dynamic, coherent structure.
9. Supervise the election of the Faculty Senate.

The chairpersons of committees having faculty chairpersons shall be designated by the Provost of the college from among members of the committee, and a student chairperson, when there is a student chairperson, shall be designated from members of the committee by the President of the Student Body. The Provost of the college shall also appoint mentors and advisors where appropriate while the President of the college, in consultation with the Provost and the Academic Deans, will continue to nominate to the Committee on Governance for ratification the faculty members for service on the Professional Status Committee.

Reporting Relationship:

The Committee on Governance shall report to the Faculty Senate.

Composition:

This committee shall consist of the Provost of the college, who will serve as chairperson; the Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate; one student (normally the Vice President of the Student Senate), who shall sit only when matters other than appointments of and eligibility guidelines for faculty members are being considered; and four faculty members, who are elected to the committee by the full faculty electorate, one from each of the three academic divisions and one at-large.

1. Eligibility requirements: Faculty membership on the committee shall be open to all members of the faculty who have served at least eight years at the college and have at least six years of experience on faculty governance committees or the Faculty Senate (excluding service on Advisory Committees and/or Governing Boards).
2. Election: Each year the entire faculty electorate will elect a replacement for each outgoing faculty member on the committee from a slate for which each department in the relevant division may submit one nominee from any department in its division; the Committee on Governance may also recruit nominees from the relevant division(s). When the at-large position falls vacant, a replacement will be elected from a slate for which each department in the college may submit one nominee (non-teaching members of the faculty will be regarded as a department for this purpose). The Committee on Governance will solicit nominations for each vacancy and conduct the election by March 1.
3. Term of office: The term of office for faculty members shall normally be for four years, effective September 1. The committee will coordinate staggered terms to ensure continuity; if a faculty member has their term interrupted by a sabbatical, off-campus program directorship, or a leave of absence, the committee will appoint a replacement for the length of absence in consultation with the Dean of that division or the Provost.

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