

Faculty Participation in Shared Governance At UW-Madison

Faculty Senate

There are more than 100 districts in the University of Wisconsin-Madison Faculty Senate. Senators serve a three-year renewable term of office. One-third of the senators are elected each spring. The Senate's primary function is to debate and vote on policy issues affecting faculty. Issues are presented by the University Committee or the Senate.

University Committee (UC)

The six members of the UC are elected at-large representing the four divisions; each member serves a three-year term of office. Two members are elected each year. The UC's primary function is to act as the day-to-day administrative executive committee for the Faculty Senate and for the faculty at large.

Committees of the Faculty

Comprised of faculty only, who serve 3- or 4-year terms

Divisional Executive Committees

- Four elected committees representing the faculty divisions of Arts and Humanities, Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Social Sciences
- Reviews and gives advice on tenure appointments
- [Faculty Policies and Procedures 4.10]

Graduate Faculty Executive Committee

- Elected committee
- Establishes, modifies, and reviews graduate degree programs, sets admission standards and provides guidance to the dean of the Graduate School
- [Faculty Policies and Procedures 3.07]

Committee on Faculty Rights and Responsibilities

- Elected committee
- Deals with allegations of faculty misconduct, and reviews nonrenewal decisions. Serves as the hearing committee in discipline and dismissal cases and in cases of layoff due to financial emergency
- [Faculty Policies and Procedures 6.38]

Committee on Honorary Degrees

- Appointed committee
- Nominates candidates for honorary doctorate degrees upon recommendation of a department, school, or college
- [UW-806, Faculty Policies and Procedures 6.41]

Kemper K. Knapp Bequest Committee

- Appointed committee
- Awards grants to projects that have an impact on the educational and cultural life of the university community, particularly projects that benefit undergraduate students
- [Faculty Policies and Procedures 6.43]

Officer Education Committee

- Appointed committee
- Recommends policy relating to Officer Education Programs
- [Faculty Policies and Procedures 6.47]

Committee on Committees

- Elected committee
- Recommends faculty candidates for appointments or election to Faculty Policies and Procedures Chapter 6 committees.
- [Faculty Policies and Procedures 6.32]

Faculty Consultative Committee on Financial Emergency

- Appointed committee
- With the chancellor, identifies reasonable methods of budget reduction in the case of a declared financial emergency affecting GPR and/or faculty layoff
- [Faculty Policies and Procedures 6.36]

Search and screen committees

Established as needed to be the hiring authority for a specific position and provide a list of acceptable candidates. Search and screen committees for positions with broad university authority shall follow full shared governance principals. Search and screen committees for dean or vice chancellor/provost shall have a faculty majority and faculty chair.

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Advocates for faculty interests with legislators, the regents, and the general public.

Shared governance committees are established in conjunction with faculty, academic staff, university staff, and/or student government to address issues of common concern which are not the primary responsibility of the faculty. A joint governance committee reports to the faculty through the University Committee and/or the Faculty Senate and to other established authorities in accordance with their rules.

Awards

- Distinguished Teaching Awards
- University Lectures

Operations

- Budget
- Campus Planning
- Campus Transportation
- Information Technology
- Recreational and Wellbeing Board
- Retirement Issues
- University Research Council

Diversity and climate

- Campus Diversity and Climate
- Disability Access and Inclusion
- Immigration and International Issues
- LGBTQ+
- Women in the University

Policy and personnel

- Retirement Issues

Instruction, education, student policies

- Athletic Board
- Dean of Students Advisory
- Health Care Advisory
- Library Resources for the Arts, Social Sciences, Humanities
- Student Misconduct Panels
- Undergraduate Recruitment, Admissions & Financial Aid
- University Academic Planning
- University Curriculum
- University Libraries