

Proposal: Faculty Senate Bylaws Change

Rationale:

Frequently, proposed catalog changes elicit questions on the floor of the Faculty Senate relating to potential impacts on degree audits, graduation timing, registration, etc. These areas all relate to the important role that academic advisors provide for undergraduate students. Building an ex-officio spot on the Academic Standards and Admissions Committee (ASAC) for a representative from the advising community will ensure that all proposals being considered in this committee will have involved input from an academic advisor. This change will help to reduce unintended negative consequences of new policy and increase confidence that proposed catalog changes have been reviewed from all potentially important viewpoints.

Proposed Change to Article VI, Section 3. Council on Academic Affairs

B. Committees of the Council on Academic Affairs

1. Committee on Academic Standards and Admissions

- a. Charge: Considers policies and procedures related to academic standards, admissions, and advising for both prospective and enrolled undergraduate students.
- b. Membership—Voting: The voting members of the committee will be a chair, the chairs of the Academic Standard Committees of each college, a member of the Faculty Senate Council on Academic Affairs, and two student representatives appointed by the Student Government.

Non-voting: Non-voting, ex officio members will include one representative each from the offices of ~~the~~, the vice president for student affairs, the registrar, admissions, minority-multicultural student affairs, ~~and~~ institutional research, and the University Academic Advising Committee (UAAC).

- c. Term of Office: The length of the terms of office for the college representatives will be determined by the individual colleges. The chair will be appointed for a three-year term, renewable for a maximum of six years. An ex-officio representative from the Faculty Senate Council on Academic Affairs may be appointed by the chair of that council for a renewable one-year term.