Faculty Governance

NEW FACULTY ORIENTATION
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Chair and Vice-Chair of the Faculty

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Role of Faculty in University Governance

• The President oversees all University divisions including Advancement, Admissions, Communications, Student Affairs, Information Technology, Academic Affairs, and others, needed to run a University.

• Academic Affairs, led by the Provost with the Associate Provosts and Deans, is the division responsible for supporting the work of the faculty. The individuals in these roles are appointed to their positions.

• This academic mission is also supported by Faculty Governance, self governance of the whole faculty led by elected leaders. Through this process, all faculty contribute to policies that guide our work.
Governing Bodies of The Faculty

Academic Council
President is Chair
All tenured faculty, three tenure-track assistant professors
Two Standing Committees
Advisory Committee Review and Appeals Board

Full Faculty
Elected Chair and Vice Chair
All faculty
Four Standing Committees
Educational Policy (EPC) Honors Compensation and Benefits (CBC) Rights and Responsibilities (FCRR)

Monthly meetings!

See Academic Affairs website for committee members, and for the Faculty Handbook which lays out all policies of the faculty (including detailed policies related to the process of tenure and promotion).
Your Role as New Faculty?

• Vote for your elected faculty representatives each year.
• Regularly participate in University faculty meetings (Tues: 11:50 am - 1:10 pm).
• Take on roles on standing committees (and ad hoc committees).
• Participate in (complementary) department-level governance.
• Read the faculty handbook (often) and know the policies!
• Send thoughts/concerns to the Chair/Vice Chair or your TT Representative.

You will be more successful if you understand how the university runs and if you feel empowered through participation. Our policies will be stronger and more inclusive if they are informed by all voices!
Questions and Thoughts?

I look forward to hearing from you and working with you!