Current Issues

Possible Items of Consideration for this Committee

The committee will determine its own agenda but the Faculty Senate Executive Committee has identified some issues that it may wish to consider.

- Consider concerns surrounding Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day, Election Day, and the Wednesday before Thanksgiving
- Consider a more compact final examination period

Senate Subcommittees

Each subcommittee has:

- 6 faculty senators, three from the full committee, one of whom shall serve as chairperson. All serve for their three years on the Senate. Chairs serve for two years.
- The Curriculum and Standards Committee’s graduate student shall serve on this Subcommittee. The Student Senate will appoint an undergraduate.
- Subcommittee chairs may ask the administration to make available administrators or staff whose expertise is aligned with the work of the committees to act as liaisons as needed. Liaisons are not committee members.
- Committee chairs may also ask faculty not in the Senate to serve as non-voting advisors as needed.
Duties of the Committee

The duties for this committee are laid out in the By-Laws, section 4.28:

- Study the University Calendar for fall, winter, and spring semesters, the summer sessions, and the fully-online accelerated programs as prepared by Enrollment Services in accordance with University Manual passages 8.70.09 – 8.70.11
- Present proposed calendars to the Curriculum and Standards Committee in accordance with the timetable given under “Calendar”
- Carry out all assignments mentioned in University Manual passages 8.70.09 - 8.70.20
- Cooperate with the Graduate Council on such academic matters as may affect both groups
- Initiate study or, as directed to study, any proposed changes in the approved calendar or any future desirable changes in the calendar
- Be familiar with University Manual passages 8.70.13 and By-Laws 4.28 that deal with emergency calendar situations (primarily in case of natural disasters such as snow days or hurricanes)
- Increase the fully-online program calendar in January, present to the Curriculum and Standards Committee in February; Curriculum and Standards Committee presents the calendar to the Senate by March 1.