

# 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.

- Examine the state of advising across all colleges, making recommendations for its improvement
- Assist in the establishment of a permanent assessment process for the General Education Program

# Senate Committees

Each committee has:

- 6 faculty senators, one of whom shall serve as chairperson. All serve for their three years on the Senate. Chairs serve for two years.
- 2 students, one undergraduate and one graduate student. Students serve for one year and may be appointed to a second term.
- Committee 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.

-See By-Laws: 4.13 – 4.17

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## Teaching, Advising and Assessment

Reference brochure



## Duties of the Committee

The duties for this committee are laid out in the By-Laws, section 4.30 – 4.34:

- Promote good teaching, advising and assessment at the University by conducting and reporting to the Faculty Senate an annual audit of programs, activities, policies, etc. available to support good teaching and assessment
- Undertake each year an initiative designed to improve teaching and assessment practices at the University to include assessment of the General Education Program
- Assess university-wide advising
- Make policy recommendations to the Faculty Senate on all advising matters pertaining to the University College for Academic Success
- Recommend policies that could assist in faculty retention
- Review recommendations of the Honors Program [University Manual 8.60.10 – 8.65.13] and the Honors Program annual report to the Faculty Senate.

- Bring distinguished scholars to the campus for general lectures and/or other public programs (this done in conjunction with the Director of the Honors Program)
- Study and make recommendations to the Faculty Senate or return matters unapproved with comments to the units from which they originated on all above matters referred to it by the various colleges, schools, the Faculty Senate or its Executive Committee, the Administration, or from another authoritative source, or from another source, or taken up by the Committee on its own initiative

**Additional duties of Committee Representative:**  
(per University Manual 5.84.10 – 5.84.13)

- A TAA representative shall also be a member of the Learning Outcomes Oversight Committee.

## Calendar

### By-Laws Expectations:

Meet at least once a month

The Committee shall provide a brief informational report at the October meeting of the Faculty Senate outlining its goal(s) for the coming year.

Report to Faculty Senate in January:

Include a review of current initiatives, policies and practices as well as recommendations for future improvements