

Board of Governors Committees

The Board of Governors is the decision making body of the University. Eight Governors are elected in statewide elections to serve an eight-year term on the Board. The University President also takes part in the Board of Governors meetings.

Five Board of Governors committees meet on the Wednesday preceding the monthly Friday Board of Governors meetings. Not all the committees meet every month. Some usually meet only when an issue arises. Each committee is chaired by a member of the Board of Governors. The committees make recommendations to the Board on matters of concern. The Board, in turn, votes upon the committees' recommendations. These committees are of the utmost importance because they provide direct student input at the point where most decisions are made.

Academic Affairs Committee

Meets prior to most Board of Governors meetings. Issues dealt with include: classes offered, degree programs, and possibly tuition increase.

Budget and Finance Committee

Makes recommendations to the Board of Governors regarding the University budget. It also deals with tuition issues and University expenditures. The committee has the responsibility of recommending policy to the Board concerning the award of any contracts, leases, or any other financial obligations contemplated by the University. The 1982-1983 Budget and Finance Committee averted a major tuition increase and retained activity awards for students.

Personnel Committee

This committee has the responsibility of reviewing and making recommendations to the Board regarding general policies, which affect University employees. This committee usually meets only once per year (in February).

Student Affairs Committee

The Student Affairs Committee is responsible for reviewing and making recommendations to the Board regarding student affairs. Issues during the past years have included the possible elimination of handicapped buses and endorsement of the Solomon Amendment. An accomplishment for 1982-1983 was establishing a new funding policy for student organizations.

Academic Senate Committees

The Academic Senate is the Faculty equivalent of the Student Council.

Representation on the Academic Senate is important for faculty and student communication. The Academic Senate is a main advisory body regarding academic policy, and it is necessary that students have a voice on these issues. All committees have one student representative.

Budget Committee

The Budget Committee monitors the process by which allocations are made to budgetary units and reports to the Academic Senate periodically on any significant changes in such allocations and on the criteria for such changes. It keeps itself informed as to the financial operations of the university. The Budget Committee provides advice to the university administration on budgetary matters on request or at its own initiative and it maintains primary liaison with the senior executive officer for budgetary matters. The Budget Committee is the busiest of the Senate committees. It meets almost every month of the year. This Committee meets prior to each Board of Governors meeting to discuss budget issues on the agenda. The committee also comments annually on the new University budget and Program Revision Requests to the State. The committee also conducts an annual survey of unit heads to determine pressing budgetary needs. For several years the survey showed that new faculty lines, more support personnel and graduate assistants, and flexible budgeting practices were most needed.

Curriculum and Instruction Committee

This committee concerns itself with academic policies, programs, and practices which affect the University as a whole. These concerns may extend to the internal affairs of colleges, schools, divisions, and other units of the University if they significantly affect the interests of other units or of the University as a whole. In particular, it is concerned with new instructional programs, curtailment of instructional programs, admissions policy, registration policy, calendar policy, and all other questions concerning curriculum and instruction, including budgetary requirements and budgetary effects of policy changes. It presents a responsible cost-analysis for any policy changes which it recommends to the Senate. The

committee maintains primary liaison with the appropriate executive officer designated by the President.

This committee is one of several Senate committees asked to review proposals for new centers or institutes. The committee has discussed international student exchange programs and the University's English Proficiency Exam. A particular concern with the EPE was the importance of insuring a uniform set of options and standards for its administration.

Facilities, Support Services, and Technology Committee

This committee shall concern itself with the physical facilities, support services and technology essential to the maintenance of quality academic programs. It shall include policies and budgetary consideration in its domain. It shall, in so much as possible, participate in the development of the Capital Outlay Budget Request which the University submits to the state government each year. In any case, it shall report to the Senate its opinion concerning the priority listing of new capital projects and major renovation projects contained in the Capital Outlay Budget Request. It shall maintain liaison with directors of appropriate divisions and with the faculty advising committees of these divisions where they exist. It shall report to the Academic Senate on the state of physical facilities, support services and technology in the University and maintain primary liaison with the appropriate executive officer(s) designated by the President.

Faculty Affairs Committee

This committee deals with matters affecting the welfare of the faculty, principles governing relationships between administration and faculty, faculty rights, and faculty participation in governance. It maintains primary liaison with the appropriate executive officer designated by the President.

This committee deals with, except in those matters subject to collective bargaining, policies affecting faculty rights and responsibilities, faculty welfare, and generally accepted principles of academic freedom and tenure.

Research Committee

The Research Committee is concerned with the character of research operations at the University. The committee serves as the major committee responsible for the review of center/institute proposals. The committee is also concerned with a

variety of issues and problems that affect the faculty's ability to support and carry out their research programs.

A major task of the committee each year is the establishment of subcommittees to review the many proposals which are submitted each year to the Vice-President for Research for research assistance. Included are monthly small grant proposals for which the Research Committee provides the input.

In addition, the committee suggests nominees to review the annual proposals for summer research assistance and the Graduate Research Assistant and Research Equipment competition.

This committee concerns itself with new research programs, curtailment of research programs, encouragement of research, the relation between the research function of the University and its other functions, and all other questions concerning research that involves the University at large. This includes budgetary requirements and budgetary effects of policy changes. It should present a responsible cost analysis for any policy changes which it recommends to the Senate. It should be available to the chief research officer of the University to give advice and to help in the implementation of programs in support of research. It maintains the primary liaison with the appropriate executive officer(s) designated by the President.

Student Affairs Committee

This committee deals with all matters concerning the relationship of students to the University except those which, because of their strictly academic nature, are within the province of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee. It serves as a liaison body between the Academic Senate and the Student Council. It deals with policies concerning student activities, policies affecting student organizations, student-faculty relations, student responsibilities, support services for students, and all other matters concerning student welfare. Its deliberations include budgetary requirements and budgetary effects of policy changes. It presents a responsible cost analysis for any policy changes which it recommends to the Senate. The Student Affairs Committee maintains primary liaison with the appropriate executive officer designated by the President.