

Senate Committees and their functions

Membership in the Faculty Senate Committees is open to all full-time faculty. The chair duties will be carried out by one of the Senators, either nominated or elected. Other members of the committees will be recruited from the faculty at large. These committees will report to the Faculty Senate. Where appropriate, the Committees, under the guidance of the Faculty Senate, may also report to the President and other senior administrators. The members will serve for two years in the committees. The committees and their proposed functions (tentative) are as follows (based on workings of the faculty senate committees at other UT campuses) :

Academic Affairs Committee

The Academic Affairs Committee considers all issues that relate to the:

1. Maintaining high-quality academic environment for all faculty and students, including the quality of the curricula, framing academic policies, admission guidelines and all other issues related to education.
 2. Provide analysis and guidance on policy and best practices in the area of academic integrity
 3. Evaluate existing and newly proposed courses for inclusion in the core curriculum
 4. Academic environment, such as policies regarding recruitment of chairs and new faculty, endowed chairs, faculty workloads, evaluation of administration, and long-range academic planning.
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Faculty Governance Committee

The Faculty Governance Committee considers all issues that relate:

1. Relate to the governance and institutional budget of the University and its faculty, to assess the scope of faculty responsibility for the governance and budgets, and to foster links of communication between the faculty and the administration.
 2. Relate to faculty grievances; this may include a review of existing grievance procedures, as well as conducting Senate hearings on grievances and negotiating solutions, formal or informal, between faculty and administration, or between faculty and faculty.
 3. Contribute to research, planning, conduct and evaluation of basic and clinical research, and other scholarly pursuits, i.e., the allocation of space, facilities, service, intramural support, and collaboration.
 4. Review of IHOP that
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Faculty Status and Welfare

The Faculty Status & Welfare Committee considers all issues that relate to:

1. Policies that bear on faculty morale, workload, retention and productivity
2. Faculty compensation, promotion, tenure and post-tenure review.
3. Evaluation of faculty and administrators, rank, compensation, responsibilities and achievements
4. All aspects of faculty development and welfare.

Faculty Senate Committees Membership 2018-2020

Academic Affairs Committee

Chair: Torry Tucker

Christiana Osuagwu

Vanessa Casanova

Larry Lowry

Galina Florova

Faculty Governance Committee

Chair: Vijay Boggaram

Karan Singh

Buka Smaten

Faculty Status and Welfare

Chair: Vijay Rao

Barbara Elliott

Kathryn Wortz

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