

Brief Description:

The Faculty Advisory Council ~~shall be responsible for providing~~ is an elected council that provides the President and other Administration officials with ~~faculty~~ a cross-section of opinion and counsel on the wide range of university affairs. ~~Its meetings may be confidential, by agreement of its members.~~ In its relations with the President, the Administration, and with the faculty, ~~and other constituencies~~ the ~~Faculty Advisory Council~~ FAC shall act either on request or on its own initiative. The FAC is purely advisory and consultation by the President and administration with the FAC is not a substitute for other processes of shared governance, including consultation with the Senate and appropriate committees on matters relevant to their charges.

Background:

The FAC has been functioning formally as an ~~Advisory Council~~ advisory council to the UO President (later also the Provost) since 1916. Its membership and details of its charge have been periodically updated to meet the needs of the UO over time. ~~A number of OARs make specific reference to the UO's FAC, so it is woven into the current fabric of Oregon legislation.~~

Charge and Responsibilities:

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The FAC is exempt from the provisions of the UO Open Committee Meetings legislation (<http://senate.uoregon.edu/content/open-committee-meetings>). Therefore, the FAC is not required to post its agenda or minutes or admit spectators to its meetings. The University President and the FAC membership shall jointly determine the details of the FAC's policy on confidentiality, normally at the beginning of the academic year, and shall post that policy on the committee website. The Senate recommends that in consultation with the president the FAC hold at least one open meeting per quarter. The FAC shall submit a written report to the University Senate at the end of the academic year.

The FAC is purely advisory and consultation by the President and administration with the FAC is not a substitute for other processes of shared governance, including consultation with the Senate and appropriate committees on matters relevant to their charges. Because it is purely advisory, the FAC shall not conduct any business requiring a vote, other than that required for its own internal purposes, such as electing leadership and setting agendas and meeting times.

Membership:

Faculty membership of the ~~Faculty Advisory Council~~FAC is fixed and consists of 11 elected faculty: 8 tenured faculty comprised of 4 from the College of Arts and Sciences (Natural Science, Social Sciences, and Humanities each must be represented by at least 1 member, and members from the Clark Honors College shall be considered to represent the divisions to which their disciplines are affiliated) and 4 from the Professional Schools and Colleges; and 3 Career NTTF faculty representing College of Arts and Sciences (1), Professional Schools and Colleges (1), and UO Libraries (1).

In addition, the UO Senate President and Vice-President (who are elected by the Senate) serve as ex officio members with full privileges.

Total faculty membership is, therefore, 13: 4 tenured CAS faculty; 4 tenured professional school faculty; 3 Career NTTF who have undergone at least one promotion representing CAS (1), the Professional Schools and Colleges (1), and UO Libraries (1); and 2 voting ex officio faculty members (the UO Senate President and Vice-President).

Two elected OAs will serve on the FAC as OA representatives.

No two elected persons from the same CAS department, nor from the same professional school or college, nor from the same administrative unit shall serve at the same time. No person shall serve simultaneously on the ~~Faculty Advisory Council~~FAC and Faculty Personnel Committee.

The University President, Provost, and Vice Provost(s) shall be ex officio, non-voting members.

The following administrators are ineligible to serve as elected representatives on this committee: the president; the provost; vice presidents; vice provosts; associate or assistant vice provosts; associate or assistant vice presidents; deans; and associate deans or their equivalent. Elected FAC members promoted to interim administrative positions during a term of service will be eligible to complete their academic year of service on the FAC.

Persons nominated to serve on the FAC must be ~~members of the voting statutory faculty and~~ on campus during the term of office. ~~If a member takes a leave of more than one month,~~Temporary or permanent vacancies will be filled by the Committee on Committees ~~will replace, until the next regular university elections.~~

The FAC shall determine its own leadership by election at the member with another permanent representative beginning of each academic year or as necessary.

Reporting:

The Faculty Advisory Council shall report to the University Senate. At a minimum this report shall be in the form of an annual written report submitted by the Committee Chair to the Senate President and Senate Executive Coordinator no later than June 1. The committee shall also make additional written or oral reports to the Senate as necessary. The FAC's reports to the Senate are subject to the FAC's confidentiality rules.