

## **AUA Faculty Senate**

### **Charter**

The Faculty Senate is vested with broad responsibility for deliberating and advising on University policies. The Faculty Senate is authorized to recommend to the President policies pertaining to courses, curriculum, and degree requirements, while the Board of Trustees retains final authority over the establishment of new degree programs. The Faculty Senate is further authorized to recommend to the President policies pertaining to student admissions and conduct and to advise on criteria for faculty appointments, standards of conduct, and welfare.

The Faculty Senate shall organize itself, choose its officers and its mode of deliberation, and select its method of voting in such manner as it may determine, in accordance with these By-Laws.

The Faculty Senate shall call a general assembly of the entire AUA faculty at least once each academic year and preferably once each quarter. All AUA faculty shall be invited to participate in such general assemblies and to actively participate in the deliberation of matters that are on the agenda of the general assembly.

### **Committees Formed by AUA Faculty Senate (as of Fall 2017)**

#### **Ethics and Grievance Committee**

The Ethics and Grievance Committee of the Faculty Senate shall have jurisdiction [or authority] to review, advise, and make recommendations on policies regarding ethical behavior, and to hear and resolve appeals brought by any member of the university against any other member of the university regarding violations of any of the various codes and policies of the university.

#### **Extension Committee**

The Committee on Extension Programs supports and advances the mission of the University to provide continuing and community education and training through the AUA Extension Program that meets the public's needs, complies with AUA standards, and exemplifies AUA's contribution to society. The Committee on Extension Programs advises the President, Provost, Academic Programs, and Faculty Senate regarding the activities, programs and policies of the Extension Program. The Committee audits and advises the Extension Program regarding its programs and policies. The Committee drafts policies regarding the oversight and development of the Extension Program.

#### **Operations and Facilities Committee (new committee as of Fall 2017)**

The Buildings and Facilities Committee is responsible for reviewing and proposing policies and procedures related to university facilities and services such as building and ground needs, space utilization, supplies and equipment, and parking and traffic problems, and to advising the FS ensuring that:

- appropriate policies, processes, and practices are in place pertaining to the acquisition, operation, maintenance, and use of campus physical assets.
- a safe, comfortable, productive and attractive environment is maintained.
- code and regulatory requirements are adhered to.

#### **Budget and Planning Committee (new committee as of Fall 2017)**

The Faculty Budget and Planning Committee serves an advisory role to the Faculty Senate and through the Senate to the administration in matters pertaining to the university-wide budgeting. The Committee also serves as a conduit for calling to the attention of the administration and faculty budgetary issues and for providing information between faculty and administration about overall financial position of the university. The focus of the Committee is to review budgetary decisions of university-wide significance.

**Student Affairs Committee (formerly Student Learning Committee)**

The Student Affairs Committee supports faculty and administration with respect to admission, learning, teaching, assessment, and evaluation matters. The Committee reviews and proposes policies and procedures related to the above matters. As such, the Committee works in close relationship with faculty, academic programs, Institutional Research Office, Undergraduate and Graduate Admissions Committees, Center for Student Success, and other related administrative units.

**Faculty Affairs Committee**

The Faculty Affairs Committee serves the needs of full-time and adjunct faculty as well as researchers with a focus on their welfare. More specific tasks of the Committee include:

1. Review and recommend policies and procedures to the University Administration and Faculty Senate related to the following areas:
  - a. Faculty recruitment, retention, promotion, and evaluation;
  - b. Professional development;
  - c. Research;
  - d. Awards;
  - e. Academic freedom;
  - f. Salaries and benefits;
  - g. Support for international faculty and their families.
2. Regularly report to the Faculty Senate;
3. Keep and archive minutes of meetings and decisions made.

**Committees not formed by faculty senate but those that report to or whose members are nominated by faculty senate:**

- Curriculum Committee
- Academic Standards Committee
- Committee on Student Conduct and Ethics