

## *The Faculty Council*

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The General Faculty organization and the Faculty Council of the Oklahoma State University came into existence in 1953 when a Charter of Organization, prepared by a faculty committee, was approved by the faculty, the president, and the Board of Regents. In the Charter, the General Faculty is charged with the responsibility for making advisory recommendations regarding policies and procedures in the following areas:

- Academic matters, including admissions, curricula, standards, degree programs, the library, and schedules.
- Faculty concerns, including budgeting, faculty and administrative appointments, salaries, fringe benefits, promotion, tenure, and retirement.
- Student affairs, such as regulations, discipline, intercollegiate athletics, counseling, advisement, extracurricular activities, safety, health, and welfare.
- Long-range planning relevant to the goals, development, and growth of the university, building programs, and the allocation of resources.

To represent the faculty in carrying out these charges, a Faculty Council was organized as directed in the Charter. To the Faculty Council, the General Faculty has delegated the responsibility for investigating areas of concern, formulating recommendations on changes in policies and procedures, and forwarding them to the administration of the university.

Because responsibility for the operation of the university is vested in the Board of Regents and the president by the state constitution, the actions of the General Faculty and their Faculty Council are advisory rather than legislative in nature.