

The Faculty Council

Functions

The Faculty Council considers all matters referred to it by any faculty member or any administrator of the university, including the president; in addition, it initiates studies and makes recommendations on its own. Typically, it focuses on matters whose scope is broader than a single department or college. Concerns that originate outside the Council may be brought to the attention of any councilor or officer of the Council, preferably in writing. Those concerns are transmitted to the chair for assignment to the appropriate committee.

Standing committees conduct their own investigations; consult with relevant persons in the administration, faculty, and/or student body; appoint sub-committees where relevant; and keep their own records. They submit reports and present their recommendations to the Council as a whole for discussion, debate, and acceptance or rejection.

Committee recommendations are presented to the Faculty Council by committee chairs. They are discussed and voted on during Council meetings. Recommendations that call for action by the administration of the university are forwarded by the secretary directly to the president.