

Academic Affairs Committee Charter

Purpose

The Academic Affairs Committee oversees the academic programs of the University. Specifically, the committee facilitates the Board of Trustees' commitment to the University's vision of creating a collaborative, integrative learning community, instilling in students habits of critical inquiry as they gain knowledge, skills, and values for life and work in a global society. The committee, in collaboration with academic leaders, strives to advance the mission of the University as a comprehensive university committed to raising the educational attainment of the citizenry. The committee also oversees matters related to student success including services and resources to increase recruitment, retention, completion rates and satisfaction.

Authority and Responsibilities

The committee serves to:

1. Ensure, protect and advance the educational quality of the University and its academic programs;
2. Monitor progress towards the University's academic performance measures;
3. Advise the Board regarding major changes to the academic programs of the University, such as the creation, merger or closure of degree programs, schools or colleges within the University;
4. Establish policies and procedures related to faculty appointment, and tenure; and

Composition

In addition to the Trustee members as appointed by the Board Chair, the Provost shall serve as ex-officio members of the committee.