

Academic Affairs Operational Committees 2025-2026

Faculty Emeritus Committee

Purpose

Coordinates the Emeritus Faculty procedure outlined in HOP 3.1.12

Membership

Representatives from each college are elected or appointed by the college faculty.

Role	Term	Position Affiliation	Name
Chair	2025-2026	College of Education & Psychology	Dr. Yanira Oliveras
Member	2025-2026	College of Arts & Sciences	Dr. Elizabeth "Cory" Sills
Member	2025-2026	Soules College of Business	Dr. Kerri Camp
Member	2025-2026	Fisch College of Pharmacy	Dr. Rahmat Talukder
Member	2025-2026	College of Engineering	Dr. Mukul Shirvaikar
Member	2025-2026	School of Medicine	Dr. Karan Singh
Member	2025-2026	School of Health Professions	Dr. Woohyoung Jeon
Member	2025-2026	School of Nursing	Dr. Belinda Deal

Committee members are expected to devote sufficient time to participate in and contribute to the Committee activities. Committee members are required to adhere to the Committee Charter and assume and complete assignments as designated.

Chair Responsibilities

The Committee Chair is responsible for calling meetings, organizing material, and running the voting/polling process that determines who is selected for emeritus status.

Recommendations and Reporting

Notify Faculty of eligibility by mid-September

Close nominations by end of October

Forward recommendations to the President by end of November

Appointment and Term Limits

1-year terms determined by the governance bodies of each college and in conformity with the HOP.

Research Council

Purpose

The Research Council is responsible for advising the President and other university administrators on matters pertaining to policies, procedures, and programs intended to promote growth, excellence, and integrity in research and scholarly activities throughout the university community.

Membership

Members are selected according to the Research Council By-Laws.

Role	Term	Affiliation	Name
Member	2023-2026	College of Arts & Science	Ali Azghani
Member	2023-2026	College of Arts & Sciences	Madeline Dawsey
Member	2023-2026	College of Arts & sciences	Robert Sterken
Member	2023-2026	College of Education & Psychology (<i>Samantha Estrada</i>)	Diane Smedley
Member	2024-2027	College of Education & Psychology	Jennifer Watters
Member	2024-2027	College of Engineering	Fernando Resende
Member	2023-2026	College of Engineering	Mena Souliman
Member	2024-2027	Fisch College of Pharmacy	Santosh Aryal
Member	2025-2028	Fisch College of Pharmacy	Winter Smith
Member	2024-2027	School of Health Professions	Madhura Maiya
Member	2023-2026	School of Health Professions	Tina Melamed
Member	2024-2027	School of Medicine	Vijay Boggaram
Member	2025-2028	School of Medicine	Erminia Massarelli
Member	2023-2026	School of Nursing	Kevin Gosselin
Member	2024-2027	School of Nursing	Susan McBride
Member	2024-2027	Soules College of Business	Kim Nimon
Member	2023-2026	Soules College of Business	Arun Kulkarni
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Chief Research Officer	Amir Mirmiran
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	AVP for Research Administration	Lisa Bush
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Research Council Support Staff	Kerry Bonilla

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Chair Responsibilities

The Research Council Chair is responsible for leading and facilitating the work of the Council including, but not limited to, calling meetings, preparing meeting agendas and minutes, directing Council activities, and overseeing communication with Council members and with the Senior Vice President for Research.

By-Laws Revisions

The Research Council reviews and updates its By-Laws every three years or as needed.

Student Appeals Committee

Purpose

The Student Appeals Committee is responsible for reviewing and rendering opinions on student petitions of University-established policy concerning financial aid eligibility or practice and student records related requests, such as late withdrawals from courses and tuition refunds.

Membership

Role	Term	Position Affiliation	Name
Chair	2023-2026	School of Nursing	Dr. Eva Blight
Member	2023-2026	Soules College of Business	Dr. Vivek Pandy
Member	2023-2026	College of Arts & Sciences	Dr. Kyle Gullings
Member	2025-2028	School of Medicine (<i>Pierre Neuenschwander</i>)	Dr. Jeffrey Pearl
Member	2024-2027	School of Health Professions	Dr. Jessica Escareno
Member	2024-2027	College of Education & Psychology	Dr. Lauren Deaton
Member	2023-2026	Fisch College of Pharmacy (<i>Rebecca Dunn</i>)	Dr. Wallace Marsh
Member	2024-2027	College of Engineering	Dr. Mohammad Biswas
Member	2025-2026	SGA Student Representative	
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Member	2025-2026	Academic Affairs	Dr. Colleen Swain
Non-Voting	Ex-Officio	Enrollment Management Representative	Mr. Andrew Barnson
Non-Voting	Ex-Officio	Financial Aid Representative	Ms. Melanie Jones
Non-Voting	Ex-Officio	Student Business Services Representative	Ms. Kayla Albright

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Chair Responsibilities

The Committee Chair is responsible for convening the meetings and distributing the cases to committee members. The Chair works closely with the Registrar's Office representative.

Recommendations and Reporting

This committee reports to the Provost and Chief Financial Officer.

Appointment and Term Limits

Faculty committee members have three-year terms. This committee meets twice a month during the fall and spring terms and one time a month during the summer.

University Curriculum Council

Purpose

The University Curriculum Council recommends curricular policies and processes that promote rigorous, high-quality programs and align with best practices in enrollment, retention, and graduation of UT Tyler students.

Membership

The University Curriculum Council is comprised of representatives from each College/School. At least one member from each College/School must be eligible for Graduate Faculty status. This council will meet at least once per term, excluding summer, to determine curricular issues that impact all students. Council members are expected to devote sufficient time to participate in and contribute to the Council activities. Council members are required to adhere to the rules in the HOP related to committees.

Role	Term	Affiliation	Name	Represents
Co-Chair	2024-2027	College of Engineering	Dr. Torey Nalbone	Undergraduate
Co-Chair	2025-2026	School of Medicine	Dr. Pierre Neuenschwander	Graduate
Member	2025-2028	College of Arts and Sciences	Dr. Tara Proper	Graduate
Member	2025-2028	College of Arts and Sciences	Dr. Katrina Kelner	Undergraduate
Member	2024-2027	Soules College of Business	Dr. Mohammed Ali	Undergraduate
Member	2025-2028	Soules College of Business	Dr. Robert Schumaker	Graduate
Member	2024-2027	College of Education and Psychology	Dr. Ramona Grad	Graduate
Member	2025-2028	College of Education and Psychology	Dr. Lauren Kirby	Undergraduate
Member	2025-2028	College of Engineering	Dr. Shuhao Liu	Graduate
Member	2024-2027	College of Engineering	Dr. Mohammad Biswas	Undergraduate
Member	2024-2027	Fisch School of Pharmacy	Dr. Joe Glavy	Graduate
Member	2025 - 2028	School of Health Professions	Dr. Scott Spier	Graduate
Member	2023-2026	School of Health Professions	Dr. Tina Melamed	Undergraduate
Member	2025-2028	Honors College	Dr. Randy LeBlanc	Undergraduate
Member	2025-2028	School of Medicine	Dr. Christian Alvarado	Graduate
Member	2023-2026	School of Nursing	Dr. Martin Rivera	Graduate
Member	2025-2028	School of Nursing	Ms. Autumn Ladd	Undergraduate
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Dean of the Graduate School	Dr. Amir Mirmiran	
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Associate Provost Curriculum & Experiential Learning	Dr. Colleen Swain	
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Registrar	Dr. Troy White	
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	VP Admissions	Ms. Katie Ramirez	
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Executive Director, Graduate Admission	Ms. Katie Hall	
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Associate Provost for Continuous Improvement & Accreditation	Dr. Lou Ann Berman	
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Director, Graduate Program Support	Dr. Cindy Davis	Graduate
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Exec. Dir. Undergraduate Advising & Acad. Onboarding	Vacant	Undergraduate
Non-Voting Member	Ex-Officio	Library Dean	Dr. Becky McKay	

Member	Ex-Officio	Student Representatives		
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Co-Chair Responsibilities

Council Co-Chairs will establish meeting dates and agenda. Co-Chairs will convene meetings and ensure attendance and meeting business are recorded. Co-Chairs will appoint a task force as deemed necessary to complete Council responsibilities.

Recommendations and Reporting

The University Curriculum Council reports to the Provost.

Appointment and Term Limits

Members serve 3-year terms. Per HOP1.10 policy on Academic Committees, the term of office for faculty members/librarians is a maximum of three (3) academic years.