

Senate Council  
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Snippet from Senate Rules: Functions of University Senate

**1.2.1 FUNCTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE**

The *Governing Regulations* (GR IV.A, C) specify that the Senate has no administrative or management responsibilities, and that the functions of the University Senate, either directly or through its committees, councils and other such bodies, include the following:

- A.** to determine the broad academic policies of the University, including the similar academic policies that may be made necessary by governmental or accreditation agencies, and to make rules to implement these policies; (SR 5.1-5.3, 5.4.1, SR 6.0, SR 7.0, SR 8.0)
- B.** to approve for submission to the Board of Trustees all proposals for the establishment or closure of degree-granting academic programs, and to make all other decisions on the academic status or content of academic programs; ; (SR 3, SR 5.4.4) [SC: 4/5/2010]
- C.** make final decisions for the University on curricula and courses (SR 3), certificates (SR 4.2.7 and SR 4.2.8) and diplomas (SR 5.4.5) offered at the University; (SR 3) [SC: 4/5/2010]
- D.** to adopt policies for the University calendar and establish the annual calendar upon recommendation by the Assistant Provost for Enrollment Management; (SR 2)
- E.** to recommend to the President and Provost on the establishment, alteration, abolition, and reporting relationships of educational units in the University; (SR 3.4)
- F.** to advise the President or the President's designated officer on the planning of physical facilities and personnel and other resources when these may affect the attainment of the educational objectives of the University; (SR 1)
- G.** to advise the President or the President's designated officer through appropriate committees on criteria, policies and procedures for performance review, appointments, promotions, reappointments, granting of tenure and benefits to faculty; (SR 1)
- H.** to prescribe the conditions for admission (SR 4.1, SR 4.2), and the conditions for degrees other than Honorary Degrees pursuant to KRS 164.240; (SR 5.4.2.2, SR 5.4.3)
- I.** to recommend to the Board of Trustees all graduating candidates that have been approved for degrees pursuant to KRS 164.240; (SR 1.4.0)
- J.** to periodically review and recommend to the Board of Trustees conditions that it may prescribe for the award of Honorary Degrees pursuant to KRS 164.240; (SR 5.4.2.3, SR 5.4.2.4) and
- K.** to recommend to the Board of Trustees candidates to whom it may confer Honorary Degrees pursuant to KRS 164.240 (SR 5.4.2.1).