

**1.4.1 STRUCTURE OF UNIVERSITY SENATE COMMITTEES** [US: 2/13/89, US: 2/3/03]

The University Senate may perform its functions directly, through the Senate Council or through either the Standing Committees or *ad hoc* committees of the Senate. The Senate may also establish Senate Advisory Committees and may delegate any of its authority or responsibility to the Graduate School or the faculties of Colleges, Schools, Departments, Centers and Institutes. (GR IV.B).

The University Senate shall have four types of committees: (1) standing committees of the Senate responsible only to that body; (2) the University Studies Committee which shall be chaired by and work with the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education but shall submit all major policies (as specified in 1.4.4 below) to the Senate; (3) advisory committees responsible in an advisory capacity to the President and/or other administrative officers and to the Senate; and (4) special committees (hereafter referred to as *ad hoc* committees. (GR IV.B)

The terms of office for faculty members of either the standing committees or the University Studies committee shall be three years. Student appointments shall be for one year. All appointments shall be made by the Senate Council for terms beginning on August 16 and staggered to provide a one-third change in membership each year.

The number of members on each standing committee shall be determined by the Senate Council. Chairs shall be appointed by the Senate Council. The chair and at least one-half the members of the committees shall be elected Faculty Senators, except as otherwise specified.

Appointment to advisory committees shall be made by the Chair of the Senate (the President) after consultation with the Senate Council. After consultation with the Student Government Association and other appropriate student groups, the Senate Council may recommend to the President that students be appointed to an advisory committee of the Senate. Similarly, the Senate Council may consult with the elected Faculty Senators, or the *ex officio* Senators, concerning the membership of faculty employees or administrative staff employees to such advisory committees.

Appointments to fill committee vacancies shall be made in the same manner as appointments for regular terms. Membership on Senate committees shall continue until terms expire or successors are appointed. The chairs of Senate standing committees may appoint ad hoc committees and may select their members in consultation with the Chair of the Senate Council. Such a subcommittee must be chaired by a member of the parent committee.