

Senate Council
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Senate Council Ad Hoc Committee on Senate Committee Structure (CSCS)

Established: by unanimous vote of the Senate Council on August 27, 2007

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Chair: TBD

Background/Rationale: for the past few years, only a handful of the Senate's many committees (see next page for list) have had a heavy workload, while other committees may not have even met. Also, questions have repeatedly arisen regarding why a proposal that has received approval of the college and of a council of the Senate¹ needs to be approved by yet another university level committee (i.e., a committee of the Senate) before being reviewed by the Senate Council and the Senate.

Another issue posed by the Office of the Provost pertains to UCAPP² and its subcommittees, which are "jointly" appointed/selected by the Provost and SC. It is possible there could be a meshing of the UCAPP subcommittees and some committees of the Senate.

Charge of the Committee on Senate Committee Structure (CSCS):

1. Examine the charge and suggest to the SC any revisions to the charge after the first meeting of the CSCS.
2. Examine the existing Senate committee structure (see list of cmtes on next page) and suggest a new structure that fits the University and University Senate's need in a more efficient manner.
 - a. Determine if there is a way to eliminate duplication of effort between UCAPP efforts and Senate committee efforts.
 - b. If so, recommend what aspects of such a partnership should be pursued.
3. Examine whether or not a proposal that has been approved by a council of the Senate should still require approval from one or more Senate committees.
4. Determine if the 10-day transmittal can be used more often in lieu of full Senate approval and whether or not clearer guidelines should be developed to describe what would trigger a full Senate consideration.
5. Utilize the institutional knowledge of the Office of the Senate Council personnel during deliberations and prior to any interim and/or final report.
6. Present a final report to SC no later than September 1, 2008.

¹ i.e. GC, UC, or HCCC – all elected, although chaired by administrators

² University Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities

Standing Committees Chaired by a University Senator (SR 1.4.2):

1. Senate Rules and Elections Committee (SREC)
2. Senate Admissions and Academic Standards Committee (SA&ASC)
3. Senate Academic Facilities Committee (SAFC)
4. Senate Library Committee (SLC)
5. Senate Research Committee (SRC)
6. Senate Academic Programs (SAPC)
7. Senate Academic Planning and Priorities Committee (SAP&PC)
8. Senate Academic Organization and Structure Committee (SAO&SC)
9. Senate Institutional Finances and Resources Allocation Cmte (SIFRAC)
10. Senate Reinstatement Committee (SRIC)
11. Senate Committee on Committees
12. Senate Advisory Cmte on Appointment, Promotion and Tenure

Standing Committees Not Necessarily Chaired by a University Senator (SR 1.4.3):

13. Senate University Studies Committee (SUSC)
14. Senate Admissions Advisory Committee (SAAC)
15. Senate Retroactive Withdrawal Appeals Committee (SRWAC)
16. Senate Academic Advising Committee (SAcAC)