

Below, you will find information about SEVEN University committees. When possible, information about meeting dates/times is listed.

1) Academic Standards and Calendar

According to the Faculty Senate By-Laws the official responsibilities include:

4.20 The Academic Standards and Calendar Committee. This committee shall study all matters pertinent to the establishment and maintenance of high academic standards that may be referred to it by the Senate, the Senate Executive Committee or other agencies; propose improved regulations and practices related to academic standards; observe the effects of rules for dismissal of students for academic reasons; review periodically the academic standards, rules and procedures in the UNIVERSITY MANUAL, and make recommendations to the Faculty Senate.

4.21 This committee shall also study the University Calendar as prepared by the Registrar's office and present it, with appropriate recommendations, to the Senate at its first December meeting; examine cooperatively with the Curricular Affairs Committee and the Graduate Council such academic matters may affect jointly the three committees; consider such calendar matters as may be referred to it by the Senate or its Executive Committee, and study, on its own accord, desirable changes in the University Calendar. In addition, this committee shall review any proposed change in the approved calendar originating outside the committee as well as any amendments attached by the Faculty Senate to a calendar proposal prior to Faculty Senate adoption of the calendar in its final form except that, if the Senate Executive Committee declares an emergency situation prior to the Faculty Senate meeting at which calendar proposals are to be considered, a calendar proposal amended on the Senate floor may be approved at the meeting during which the proposal has first been introduced.

>>>So basically we oversee issues of policy as it is explained in the university manual and generate the university academic calendars.

2) Constitution, By-laws, and University Manual

Below please find the charge to the Constitution, By-Laws, and University Manual Committee as included in the Faculty Senate By-Laws. Meeting times have not been determined yet; they are determined by Sheila Black Grubman, Faculty Senate Coordinator, on the basis of times of availability submitted to her by committee members. If and when a Graduate Student Association representative will have been appointed, she will solicit times of availability from him/her.

4.25 The Constitution, By-Laws and University Manual Committee. This committee shall review the operation of University governance and propose changes in the Constitution

and By-Laws of the Faculty Senate and in the UNIVERSITY MANUAL; review proposals for changes in University governance from whatever source and make recommendations concerning them to the Faculty Senate and to the Joint Educational Policy Committee; construe the meaning of the Constitution, the By-Laws and the UNIVERSITY MANUAL upon the request of the Senate Chairperson or Executive Committee, any senator or member of the University faculty, or the President; assure that all duly approved changes are incorporated into the Constitution and By-Laws and into the UNIVERSITY MANUAL, and that no unauthorized changes are made in these instruments; and assure that the language of all duly approved changes is consistent with the style, format and arrangement of the Constitution and By-Laws and of the UNIVERSITY MANUAL.

3) Honors Program and Visiting Scholars

HPVS approves honors course proposals, honors colloquium proposals, and provides general guidance to the director on the direction of the program.

4) Library (*this has often been filled by a Library Senator in the past; others are welcome for nomination still)

Information will be provided to the GSA by the Chairperson of this Committee by Friday, October 3, 2008.

5) Teaching Effectiveness

The Teaching Effectiveness Committee shall promote good teaching at the University by: conducting and reporting to the Faculty Senate an annual audit of programs, activities, policies, etc., which are available at the University to support good teaching; serving as an advisory committee to the Instructional Development Program; undertaking each year, in cooperation with other interested parties, an initiative designed to improve teaching practices at the University. The Director of the Instructional Development Program and the Director of Information and Instructional Technology Services shall serve as ex officio members of this committee.

>>As soon as I hear from the Faculty Senate about new faculty on the committee I will be setting up a meeting. We usually meet about once a month here in the library.

6) Athletics Advisory Board (*Jack Szczepanski served on this last year and is interested in continuing; others are welcome for nomination still)

5.14.10 The Athletics Advisory Board shall serve as a policy review board for all athletic programs for men and women, including intercollegiate, club, intramural, and recreational sports and the management of facilities and equipment. The Board shall make its recommendations to the President. In performing its functions, the Athletics Advisory Board shall advise and review, on a continuing basis, all fiscal, educational and social policy affecting all athletic programs, make recommendations regarding level of competition, and the nature of intercollegiate schedules. For the role of the Athletics

Advisory Board on issues regarding championships and special tournaments during the final examination period see section 8.51.31. The Board shall also approve University athletic awards.

5.14.15 The Athletics Advisory Board shall meet each month during the academic year. Special meetings shall be called by the chairperson, or in the absence of the chairperson, by the vice chairperson. All members shall be advised in advance of the date, time, place and agenda of the meeting.

7) Learning Outcomes Assessment Oversight Committee

5.84.10 Learning Outcomes Oversight Committee (LOOC) shall create policies for URI student learning outcomes assessment, data distribution and frequency of measurement at the university-wide level, with the approval of the Faculty Senate and the Provost. Such policies would include but not be limited to external reporting and the release of assessment data, setting of standards for outcomes assessment, identification of strengths and limitations of existing assessment practices and recommendations for resource allocation to enhance assessment practices. #06-07--25

5.84.11 The committee shall provide advice and guidance to the Office of Student Learning, Outcomes Assessment, and Accreditation relevant to faculty learning of best practices of student learning outcomes and assessment and oversee implementation and facilitation of approved policies by the Office of Student Learning, Outcomes Assessment and Accreditation. #06-07--25

5.84.12 The committee shall also develop an ongoing review of the learning outcomes assessment process, interpret external expectations for university-wide learning outcomes assessment, including those of accreditation bodies and facilitate internal communication across units regarding ways of meeting those expectations.

Full Monthly LOOC Meetings -- Wednesday afternoons, 3 – 5 p.m.

Alumni Center Large Conference Room

2008 - September 17; October 15; November 19; December 3

2009 - January 28; February 18; March 11; April 15; May (date of a common exam time)

LOOC sub-committee meetings -- Wednesday afternoons, 3-5 p.m.

(please hold dates for potential meetings)

2008 - October 1; November 5; December 10

2009 - February 4; March 4; April 1