

Wright State University

Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee Statement of Purpose and Responsibilities

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A. Overview

University bylaws designate that the board of trustees establish an Academic Affairs and Student Success committee as a standing committee of the board (see Article I, Section 6 of university bylaws). Bylaws further require the board to adopt a Statement of Purpose and Responsibilities governing committee operations.

The primary purpose of the Academic Affairs and Student Success committee is to assist the board in its oversight responsibilities regarding the university's academic mission and priorities, enrollment and retention, student life, and any other responsibilities the board deems necessary or advisable for the efficient oversight of the university.

B. Purpose

The purpose of the Academic Affairs and Student Success committee is to assist the board of trustees in its oversight responsibilities regarding the University's academic mission, strategic academic priorities, recruiting and retention, and student life. The committee is to consider and make recommendations pertaining to matters including, but not limited to, teaching, learning, the quality of academic programs, student support services, enrollment and retention, intercollegiate athletics, and the quality of the student experience outside the classroom.

Further detail on committee responsibilities are documented below.

B. Membership and Meetings

Membership of the Academic Affairs and Student Success committee is governed by university bylaws (Article I, Section 6 (A) (1)).

Similarly, meetings of the Academic Affairs and Student Success committee are also governed by university bylaws (Article I, Section 7).

C. Responsibilities

The Academic Affairs and Student Success committee is responsible for overseeing and making recommendations to the board of trustees on a wide variety of matters regarding academic programs and activities. The committee's responsibilities are detailed below.

D. Academic Programs

The committee works with the president and provost to improve teaching, learning, and the quality of academic programs, including by studying and making recommendations to the board of trustees concerning the following:

1. Academic planning, including proposals for adding, modifying, or discontinuing programs.

2. Program quality, university and program accreditation, and program review.
3. Alignment of academic programs to the University's academic mission, priorities, and strategic plans.
4. Alignment of academic programs with student interest and professional workforce needs.
5. Matters related to awarding degrees and issuing certificates.
6. Academic policies which provide for and govern teaching, research, and service, including learning goals and outcomes.
7. Any matters requiring attention or action of the board relating to acquiring, operating, and maintaining systems regarding in-house research, sponsored research, technology transfers, and licensing.
8. Faculty appointments, tenure and status, promotions, discipline and dismissal, fields of instruction, and student scholarships.

E. Enrollment and Retention

The committee oversees enrollment and retention strategies, serves as the focus of dialogue in forming university policies that relate to enrollment and retention, and studies and makes recommendations to the board of trustees concerning the following:

1. Enrollment management reporting (undergraduate and graduate, in-state and out-of-state, college credit plus, on-line programs, international enrollment, etc.), including historical, current, and projected trends.
2. Tuition waivers, discounts, scholarships, financial incentives, and all other means intended to enhance enrollment and retention.
3. Transfer (articulation) relationships with community colleges, high schools, and other academic partnerships including international partnerships.
4. Academic credit programs including military credit, prior learning credit, advanced placement, College Credit Plus, and other college credit programs.
5. Recruitment and outreach programs related to enrollment.
6. Policies that provide for and govern student recruitment, admission, financial aid, retention, course completion, and graduation, including, but not limited to, diversity issues, and general education requirements.

F. Student Life

The committee oversees matters related to student life, and studies and makes recommendations to the board of trustees concerning the following:

2. Policies for student housing and student life.
3. Oversight over all matters requiring attention or action of the board relating to student residential and social life, fraternities, sororities, and student organizations.
4. Oversight of intercollegiate athletics, including all levels of athletic programs.

5. Recommendations and reports brought to the board by the Student Government Associations.

G. Other Responsibilities

The committee will undertake other responsibilities as the board may direct.

G. Policy Review

The Academic Affairs and Student Success committee shall review and assess this Statement of Purpose and Responsibilities and recommend changes to the board as may be appropriate.