

Senate Council  
Retreat  
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**Senate Committee Charges for 2011-2012**

Senate's Academic Advising Committee

- Evaluate the quality of academic advising.

Senate's Academic Facilities Committee

- Examine the procedures by which PPD provides cost estimates and charges to units under the Provost's purview.
- Investigate current procedures for setting building priorities and recommend, if necessary, new procedures to increase transparency and faculty representation in setting those priorities.

Senate's Academic Organization and Structure

- None.

Senate's Academic Planning and Priorities Committee

- Establish mechanism(s) for effective two-way communication with University faculty and staff to solicit opinions related to academic priorities and new ideas for plans to achieve academic goals.
- Proactively scan the University's internal and external environments/contexts - i.e., structural, bureaucratic, political, cultural, attitudinal, etc. - to identify strategic opportunities and threats.
- Identify a liaison to the Provost-run University Committee on Academic Planning and Priorities (UCAPP). This individual, as well as the SC Chair (who is an ex officio UCAPP member) should periodically provide updates to the SC and Senate.

Senate's Academic Programs Committee

- Establish criteria for reviewing new academic programs and the appropriate procedures for such.

Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee

- Determine the answer to "what is a credit hour" for the 13 different course meeting patterns.
  - Colloquium
  - Discussion
  - Independent Study
  - Laboratory
  - Lecture
  - Recitation
  - Research
  - Residency
  - Seminar
  - Clinical
  - Practicum
  - Studio
- Evaluate the issue of transfer credits, the role of faculty in making such decisions, and how its impact can be measured.

#### Senate's Admissions Advisory Committee

- Offer a written report as per the committee's charge in the SR on the activities/changes that have taken place for the period of academic year 2001-2002 to the present.
- Review the issue of transfer credit and how its impact can be measured.

#### Senate's Institutional Finances and Resource Allocation Committee

- Examine the strengths and weaknesses of UK's current budget process and propose alternatives if appropriate.

#### Senate's Library Committee

- Investigate what other universities are doing to address the increased costs of journals and other academic materials, and see if UK can align its efforts with other universities.

#### Senate's Research Committee

- Review the overall indemnification process for all of campus, with a specific eye toward the process as it affects non-healthcare areas, and whether non-healthcare areas have an implemented indemnification process.
- Examine the policies by which grant management is established and determine why the administrative response to faculty concerns is perceived as decreasing.
- Work with other Senate committees on guidelines and evaluation of multi-disciplinary research centers (MDRC).

#### Senate's Retroactive Withdrawals Appeals Committee

- None.

#### Senate's Rules and Elections Committee

- Identify problems with and potential solutions for current election processes. (Includes needing to let trustee candidates know that upon election, any family member employed at UK must resign in order for the faculty trustee to serve.)