

Senate Council
Retreat
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Possible Senate Committee Charges for Next Year 2012-2013

Senate's Academic Advising Committee

- Evaluate the quality of academic advising.

Senate's Academic Facilities Committee

- **How to incorporate faculty consultation on building priorities in the regular process and calendar of capital projects proposals.**

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

- **Examine the balance of online courses that make up a program of study, and assess the balance's academic merit. Included in this is to determine the synchronous / asynchronous balance within the online component.**
- **Register the growth of certificate proposals and assess the academic merit of such growth.**

Senate's Admissions and Academic Standards Committee

- **Determine academic standards for courses presented as "distance learning," categorizing various presentation methods and opportunities for student-instructor interaction and providing guidelines that newly proposed courses should follow.**

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

- **Developing Rules language for the new process used starting last fall for election of SC Chair.**
- **Updating Rules language per HRPP 4.0 for status of eligibility of academic administrators and Clinical Title Series/Research Title Series/Lecturers in elections to University-level faculty representative bodies (currently in Senate Rules only as asterisk interpretations).**
- **Update Rules language for new GR IV.C language on authority of University Senate (has been updated in Senate Rules Section III, but not yet elsewhere in Senate Rules).**
- **Update Rules language where necessitated by changes in SACS/CPE policies.**
- **Update Senate Rules generally for changes in University organization (e.g. remaining references to Human Environmental Sciences College; old correspondence course program; transfer of certain graduate centers to new colleges; VP for Research no longer reports to Provost, etc.).**
- **Identify areas of Rules for which new educational policy-making by the Senate has become needed and recommend pertinent action by Senate Council or other Senate bodies.**