Governing Regulation IV — The Faculty's Primary Responsibility for the Credit-Bearing and Non-Credit Bearing Curriculum in Academic Colleges

Subject to the approval of the Board and in keeping with the shared governance principles established in these *Governing Regulations*, the faculty has primary responsibility for the content, quality and effectiveness of the credit-bearing and non-credit bearing curriculum in academic colleges.[1]

Because faculty members at the department, school and college levels have the greatest expertise as to what is needed within respective disciplines, these faculty members should make recommendations to the Provost, the President and the Board of Trustees on credit-bearing and non-credit bearing curricula, degrees, courses, certificates and diplomas in academic colleges offered at the University. The Provost — or that official's designee — shall consult with the Faculty Senate on credit-bearing and non-credit bearing curriculum issues in academic colleges to ensure academic quality and further transdisciplinary collaboration, including disputes between and among colleges to mitigate against unnecessary duplication and establishment or closure of degree-granting academic programs.

A.   Role of the Faculty, at the College Level, in the Conferral of Degrees

Before conferring an academic degree, the Kentucky Revised Statutes requires the Board to obtain a recommendation from the faculty.[2] The President shall establish procedures for obtaining the recommendation of the faculty of the college that is granting the degree and that is most familiar with the student's work.

The Board may grant degrees to graduates of the university, prescribe the conditions upon which postgraduate honors may be obtained, and confer such honorary degrees, upon the recommendation of the faculty of the university, as it thinks proper. [3]

[1] *See, Rationale and Notes for SACSCOC Principle 10.4, in* SACSCOC Resource Manual for The Principles of Accreditation 96 (4th ed. 2024).

[2] KRS § 164.240.

[3] *Id.*