

Governing Regulation V — Shared Governance Bodies

As set forth in *Governing Regulation I*, the Board of Trustees has final authority over all aspects of the University. Further, as set out in *Governing Regulation I*, the Board delegates administrative authority to the President. Nevertheless, the President shall regularly and consistently seek counsel from the University's students, faculty and staff in keeping with the fundamental commitment to shared governance as described in *Governing Regulation I*.

To facilitate this consultation, the Board establishes shared governance bodies for the students, the faculty and the staff, respectively. Each shared governance body plays a vital role by informing and influencing the President.

The shared governance bodies (Student Government Association (SGA), Faculty Senate and Staff Senate) may establish policies pertaining to the internal organizational structure and operation of its particular body and such policies shall be promulgated as an *Administrative Regulation*. Policymaking and administrative responsibilities of the University fall to the respective and appropriate offices as determined by the President.

A. The Student Government Association

The Student Government Association is the official representative body of the students at the University. Subject to the limitations imposed by the law, the *Governing Regulations* or *Administrative Regulations*, the Student Government Association, through the SGA President, shall on an ongoing basis: (1) represent the views of the student body to the President and other shared governance bodies; (2) be formally engaged in and consulted about relevant matters important to students such as tuition, the student code of conduct, student services, student fees, attendance and absence policies, student employment and student life matters; (3) promote the general well-being of students within the University; (4) foster mutual respect, collaboration and cooperation between students, faculty and staff; and (5) provide services to the students, faculty and staff.

The administrative liaison to the Student Government Association shall be the Vice President for Student Success or that officer's designee.

B. The Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate is the official representative body of the faculty of the University. Subject to the limitations imposed by the law, the *Governing Regulations* or *Administrative Regulations*, the Faculty Senate shall on an ongoing basis: (1) be formally engaged in and consulted about relevant matters important to faculty to ensure the credit-bearing and non-credit bearing curriculum in academic colleges aligns with the University's mission, which would include academic degree-program

reviews, approvals and closures, attendance and absence policies, as well as the general education program requirements; (2) advise the Provost on University-wide criteria, policies and procedures for performance review, appointments, reappointments, promotions, granting of tenure, career progression, compensation and benefits to faculty in the University; (3) advise the President on measures necessary to preserve and protect the University's deep commitment to free speech and academic freedom as set forth in *Governing Regulation I*; (4) advise the President as to the ethical and professional standards applicable to members of the University's faculty; and (5) represent the views of the faculty to the President and other shared governance bodies.

The administrative liaison to the Faculty Senate shall be the Provost or that officer's designee.

C. The Staff Senate

The Staff Senate is the official representative body of the staff of the University. Subject to the limitations imposed by the law, any *Governing Regulation* or any *Administrative Regulation*, the Staff Senate shall on an ongoing basis: (1) recommend and advise the President of the University on the broad personnel policies of the University, including University-wide policies that are required by governmental or accreditation agencies; (2) be formally engaged and consulted about relevant matters important to staff such as career progression, compensation, benefits, infrastructure, purchasing, travel, budget and human resources; (3) advise the President as to the ethical and professional standards applicable to members of the University's staff; and (4) represent the views of the staff to the President and other shared governance bodies.

The administrative liaison to the Staff Senate shall be the Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration or that officer's designee.