

2010-2011 Faculty Committees

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The Faculty Committees are under the auspices of the Faculty Senate and the membership and means of appointment are given in the *USC Columbia Faculty Manual*. The official listing of Faculty Committees and their respective missions is in the Faculty Manual. Faculty Committees are distinctive from Special Advisory Committees because they are governed by the faculty of the university. The Faculty Senate Office will issue a call for nominations for Faculty Committees during the spring semester. Please respond to this call or contact the appropriate chair if you are interested in serving on a particular Faculty Committee.

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FACULTY COMMITTEES: USC-COLUMBIA 2010-11

COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC RESPONSIBILITY

This committee shall consider appeals of cases decided by college academic responsibility committees when any party to the case formally appeals on grounds set forth in the university Academic Disciplinary Procedures. This committee shall perform any other functions provided for in the Academic Disciplinary Procedures. It shall also review periodically the Rule of Academic Responsibility and Academic Disciplinary Procedures and propose changes to the Faculty Senate.

This committee shall consist of five faculty members, two undergraduate students, and two graduate students. The faculty members shall be elected for staggered three-year terms. No more than two faculty members shall be from the same college. Faculty members shall hear all cases. Undergraduate members shall hear cases involving undergraduate students; graduate members shall hear cases involving graduate students.

Elected

Janice Bacon	Medicine	(2011)
Edward Gieskes, Chair	English	(2011)
William Sudduth	Libraries	(2012)
Catherine Gustafson	Hospitality, Retail, & Sport Management	(2013)
Olga Ivashkevich	Art	(2013)

Appointed

Andrew Cederdahl	(Undergraduate Student)
Vacant	(Undergraduate Student)
Winston Abara	(Graduate Student)
Vacant	(Graduate Student)

COMMITTEE ON ADMISSIONS

This committee shall consider policies on undergraduate entrance examinations, admissions, and readmissions and may recommend changes in policy to the Faculty Senate. To assure conformity with undergraduate admissions policies, the committee may review policies and changes proposed by faculties of the various academic units. The committee shall act on appeals of applicants for admission who fail to fulfill established standards of admission or readmission.

Of the ten members, five shall be elected by the faculty and five appointed by the president. Two faculty representatives shall be elected each year for a term of three years, except every third year, when only one member shall be elected. The director of admissions shall serve as secretary, ex officio.

Elected

Sara Fuller	Nursing	(2011)
Matthew Kostek	Public Health	(2011)
Bonnie Drewniany	Mass Communications & Info. Studies	(2012)
Francis Gadala-Maria	Engineering & Computing	(2013)
Vacant		(2013)

Appointed

Scott Verzyl, ex-officio, secretary	Admissions	
Helen Doerpinghaus	Provost's Office	
Ernest Wiggins, Chair	Mass Communications & Info. Studies	(2011)

Shawn Youngstedt	Arnold School of Public Health	(2012)
Dan Friedman	University 101	(2013)
Mark Sibley Jones	Honors College	(2013)

UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The committee shall review and monitor admissions decisions and the academic performance of all student-athletes by regularly receiving appropriate and relevant information regarding the academic eligibility and progress of student-athletes, including graduation rates. The committee also receives reports on, reviews and advises, as appropriate, the Faculty Senate, the NCAA Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR), the president, the director of athletics, and the Board of Trustees on the following: annual inter-collegiate athletic program schedules and major changes to them; the annual budget of the Athletics Department; admissions decisions for athletes receiving grants-in-aid; NCAA certification reports, including Title 9 reports; major requests for waiver of any institutional athletic policies; major changes in Athletics Department personnel (specifically the director of athletics, director of the academic support unit, and head coaches for each sport); the needs, interests, and concerns of student athletes; all other issues regarding inter-collegiate activities as referred to it by University officials. The committee shall make at least an annual, written report of its activities to the Faculty Senate, the president, and the director of athletics.

Membership of the committee shall be six elected faculty members; three student members, (one undergraduate student-athlete who serves as either president or president-elect of the Student Athletics Advisory Committee; one undergraduate student appointed by the president of the student body; and one graduate student appointed by the student government with the consent of the Association of Graduate Students); one member of the Intercollegiate Activities Committee of the Board of Trustees appointed by the chair of that committee; and four presidential appointees (one at-large representative from the faculty, the NCAA faculty athletics representative (FAR); one representative from the Division of Student Affairs; and the director of athletics).

The chair shall be a member of the faculty. The chair and the NCAA faculty athletics representative (FAR) shall sit with the Intercollegiate Activities Committee at its meetings, ex officio.

Elected

Pamela Melton, Chair	Law Library	(2011)
Ray Torres	Geological Sciences	(2011)
Charley Adams	Public Health	(2012)
Rick Stephens	Mass Communications & Info. Studies	(2012)
Jean Ellis	Geography	(2013)
Joel Samuels	Law	(2013)

Appointed

Zach Kelehear	Education, FAR SEC Representative	
Eric Hyman	Director of Athletics	
Dennis A. Pruitt	Student and Alumni Services	
Eva Monsma	Education	(2013)
Herbert Adams	Board of Trustees	
Courtney Newton	(President, Student Athletics Advisory)	
Christopher Campbell	(Undergraduate Student)	
Sarah Oberfell	(Association of Graduate Student)	

BOOKSTORE COMMITTEE

This committee serves to mediate any disputes between students or faculty and local bookstores whose primary purpose is to serve the university community. Faculty members, students, or bookstores with problems should contact the chair of this committee. The committee should also report any major problems to the Faculty Senate with recommendations. In addition to the six elected faculty members, one graduate and one undergraduate student shall serve on the committee.

Elected

Marilee Birchfield, Chair	Libraries	(2011)
Susan Lessner	Medicine	(2011)
Yvonne Ivory	Languages, Literatures, & Cultures	(2012)
Douglas King	Libraries	(2012)
Jodi Spillane	Libraries	(2013)
Elizabeth Sudduth	Libraries	(2013)
Matthew Fisher	(Undergraduate Student)	
Vacant	(Graduate Student)	

COMMITTEE ON CURRICULA AND COURSES

This committee shall consider, and recommend to the faculty, action on all requests for new or revised curricula leading to any formal recognition other than graduate degrees or first professional degrees in law, medicine and pharmacy. The committee shall also consider, and recommend to the faculty, action on all requests for the institution, modification, or deletion of courses and of any prescribed programs of study that do not fall within the purview of the graduate faculty. The committee shall review the various university curricula with special attention to duplication or obsolescence of courses. In addition to the members elected by the faculty, there shall be one member appointed by the president to serve ex officio, one representative from the regional campuses, and two student members.

Elected

Marco Valtorta	Engineering & Computing	(2011)
Jennifer Vendemia, Chair	Psychology	(2011)
Peter Binev	Mathematics	(2012)
John Kupfer	Geography	(2012)
Katherine Adams	English	(2013)
Tom Weir	Mass Communications & Info. Studies	(2013)

Appointed

Kris Finnigan, ex-officio	Office of the Provost	
Nancy Zimmerman, ex-officio	Graduate School	
Robert Castleberry	USC Sumter	(2012)
Matthew Fisher	(Student)	
Michelle Phillips (Graduate)	(Student)	

FACULTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This committee shall advise the faculty and administration on all matters pertaining to the general policies and operations of the university that lie outside or cut across the responsibilities of other standing committees. It shall initiate studies and make recommendations to the faculty and administration regarding any matters affecting the general welfare of the university that faculty members, faculty bodies, and administrative officers refer to it. It also shall review proposals of other standing committees and recommend procedures for their implementation. The provost and vice provost for faculty development are ex officio members.

Elected

Harold Friedman	Medicine	(2011)
Chris Robinson, Chair	Art	(2011)
Jan Breuer	Business	(2012)
James Carper	Education	(2012)
James Knapp	Earth & Ocean Sciences	(2013)
Danielle Holley-Walker	Law	(2013)
Michael Amiridis, ex-officio	Provost	
Patrick Nolan, ex-officio	Faculty Senate Chair	
Christine Curtis, ex-officio	Provost's Office	

FACULTY-BOARD OF TRUSTEES LIAISON COMMITTEE

This committee shall serve as liaison between the faculty and the Board of Trustees. Members shall be the chair and chair-elect of the Columbia Faculty Senate, the chairs of the Faculty Advisory and Faculty Welfare committees, one person appointed by the president upon nomination by the Regional Campuses Faculty Senate, and the chair of the faculty government at one of the four-year campuses. The representation of the four-year campuses shall rotate annually among these campuses. The chair of the Columbia Faculty Senate shall be chair of the committee and shall sit with the Board of Trustees as provided by the bylaws of the board.

The committee shall meet with the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees, which deliberates on matters of mutual concern to the faculty and the Board of Trustees.

Patrick Nolan, Chair	Sociology (Faculty Senate Chair) (Faculty Senate Chair Elect)
Kevin Bennett	Medicine (Faculty Welfare Chair)
Chris Robinson	Art (Faculty Advisory Chair)
Stephen Bishoff	USC Sumter, Regional Campus Faculty Senate (2011)
Allen Dennis	USC Aiken, Chair (2011)

FACULTY BUDGET COMMITTEE

The committee shall consist of ten members: three elected members, the current and immediate past chairs of the Faculty Advisory Committee and the Welfare Committee, the chair of the Faculty Senate, and the past chair or the chair-elect of the Faculty Senate; the provost shall serve ex officio.

This committee serves as a liaison between the University Administration and the University Faculty (through the Faculty Senate) on matters pertaining to the University budget, advocates the faculty perspective on matters of budget and budgetary policy, and provides a venue for discussing faculty questions and concerns about the University budget and budgeting process. To accomplish its purpose, the Faculty Budget Committee shall have input into University budget policy in two ways. First, the Chair of the Faculty Budget Committee, the other two elected members, and the President of the Faculty Senate will be welcomed to attend the President's Budget Hearings. Second, the Chair of the Budget Committee, the immediate past Chair of the Budget Committee, and the Chair of the Faculty Senate shall serve on the University Finance Committee.

Michael Amiridis, ex-officio	Provost	
Duncan Alford, Chair	Law Library	(2011)
Camelia Knapp	Earth & Oceans Sciences	(2012)
Bo Cai	Public Health	(2013)
Patrick Nolan	Sociology (Fac Sen Chair)	
Vacant	(Fac Sen Chair Elect)	
Chris Robinson	Art (Fac Advisory Chair)	

Harold Friedman	(Fac Advisory Past Chair)
Kevin Bennett	Medicine (Fac Welfare Chair)
Charley Adams	(Fac Welfare Past Chair)

FACULTY GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

This committee shall consider individual grievances, including grievances regarding salary matters (see also "Terms of Employment"), brought before it by members of the faculty including full-time and part-time members, research professors, lecturers, and visiting professors. When, in its judgment, a grievance is determined to be well-founded, the committee shall attempt to resolve the matter through mediation or other appropriate action. See also "Academic Grievance Procedures." The committee shall consist of nine elected members for staggered three-year terms and one ex-officio member from the Faculty Salary Equity Oversight Committee appointed by the provost. All members of the committee shall be tenured full professors or tenured librarians, and, at the time they commence a term of service on the committee, a year shall have elapsed since their last service, if any, on the University Committee on Tenure and Promotions. Faculty members appointed to administrative positions such as department chair, assistant dean, or associate dean are not eligible to serve on this committee.

Elected

Christopher Berg	Music	(2011)
Martin Donougho	Philosophy	(2011)
Francisco Sanchez	Languages, Literatures, & Cultures	(2011)
Franklin Berger	Biological Sciences	(2012)
Beth Bilderback	Libraries	(2012)
Alvin Fox	Medicine	(2012)
Shirley Carter Staples	Mass Communications & Info. Studies	(2013)
David Reisman	Biological Sciences	(2013)
Caroline Strobel, Chair	Business	(2013)

Appointed

Edsel Pena	Statistics	(2011)
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FACULTY WELFARE COMMITTEE

This committee shall consider university policies and the enforcement of policies regarding the welfare of the faculty, such as faculty salaries, other compensation and benefits, and any matters affecting the workplace environment. The committee may recommend appropriate changes or the enforcement of existing policy, propose new policies, or comment upon proposed university action affecting faculty welfare. Major changes in policy should be forwarded with a recommendation to the Faculty Senate for its consideration and transmittal to the provost, president, or Board of Trustees. The vice president for finance and planning or designee shall serve ex officio.

Kevin Bennett, Chair	Medicine	(2011)
Stephen Sheehi	Languages, Literatures, & Cultures	(2011)
Varsha Kulkarni	Physics & Astronomy	(2012)
Jihong Liu	Public Health	(2012)
Amy Suzanne Johnson	Education	(2013)
Christine Whitaker	Medicine Library	(2013)

Appointed

Kate Boyd	Libraries	(2011)
Pearl Fernandes	USC Sumter	(2011)

COMMITTEE ON HONORARY DEGREES

This committee shall recommend recipients of honorary degrees to the president and the Board of Trustees. The provost or appointed representative shall be ex officio chair.

Elected

Bo Cai		Public Health	(2011)
Mark Tompkins		Political Science	(2011)
Vacant	(2012)		
Vacant	(2012)		
Paul Cammarata		Libraries	(2013)
Jeremiah Hackett		Philosophy	(2013)

Appointed

Christine Curtis, Chair		Office of the Provost	
Katie Haswell		(Student)	
Vacant		(Student)	

COMMITTEE ON INSTRUCTIONAL DEVELOPMENT

This committee shall initiate studies and make recommendations to the faculty and administration on enhancing the practice and status of teaching.

The membership of the committee shall include nine faculty members elected for staggered three-year terms. The provost shall appoint six other faculty members, for staggered three-year terms, to guarantee broad representation of the colleges and academic ranks. The president of the student body shall appoint one undergraduate and one graduate student to one-year terms, to be confirmed by the Student Senate. A representative from the provost's office shall serve ex officio.

Elected

Tena Crews		Hospitality, Retail, & Sport Management	(2011)
Paul Solomon		Mass Communications & Info. Studies	(2011)
Jeffrey Makala		Libraries	(2011)
Jeremy Lane		Music	(2012)
Sandra Schmidt		Education	(2012)
Steffan Strauch		Physics & Astronomy	(2012)
Kirk Fiedler		Business	(2013)
Esmail Jabbari		Engineering & Computing	(2013)
Sharon Verba		Libraries	(2013)
Christine Curtis, ex-officio		Office of the Provost	
Helen Doerpinghaus, ex-officio		Office of the Provost	
Nancy Hart, ex-officio		University Instructional Services	
Jed Lyons, ex-officio		Center for Teaching Excellence	

Appointed

Jo Anne Herman		Nursing	(2011)
Brad Smith, Chair		Psychology	(2011)
Fran Gardner		USC Lancaster	(2012)
Valinda Littlefield		History	(2012)
Charlie Pierce		Engineering & Computing	(2013)
Theresa Smith		Pharmacy	(2013)
Vacant	(Undergraduate Student)		
Rebecca Brennan Thom		(Graduate Student)	

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE

This committee shall consider cases involving intellectual property, including patent and copyright matters, and shall be the intellectual property advisory body within the university. In addition to the six elected faculty members, there shall be three members appointed by the president. The director of the Intellectual Property Office, or a representative of that office, shall serve ex officio.

Elected

Scott Crittenden	Physics and Astronomy	(2011)
Karen Lear, Chair	Hospitality, Retail, & Sport Management	(2011)
Kenneth Campbell	Mass Communications & Info. Studies	(2012)
Elizabeth Sudduth	Libraries	(2012)
Robert Brookshire	Hospitality, Retail, & Sport Management	(2013)
Swapan Ray	Medicine	(2013)

Appointed

Pam Benicewicz, ex-officio	Director, Intellectual Property Office	
George Lampl	General Counsel	
Michael Myrick	Chemistry and Biochemistry	(2013)
Asif Khan	Electrical Engineering	(2013)

COMMITTEE ON LIBRARIES

This committee shall consider and review matters concerning the status and funding of the libraries that are under the supervision of the dean of libraries.

The committee shall consist of eleven members: seven elected from the faculty, including one member of the teaching faculty of the regional campuses elected by the Regional Campuses Faculty Senate; three presidential appointees; and the dean of libraries, ex officio. No college shall have more than two elected members, and no department shall have more than one elected member.

Elected

Junko Baba	Languages, Literatures, & Cultures	(2011)
Scott Phinney	Music Library	(2011)
Ellen Douglas Schlaefer	Music	(2011)
Pamela Jewett	Education	(2012)
Lee Walker	Political Science	(2012)
Subra Bulusu	Earth & Ocean Sciences	(2013)
Sarah Fletcher	Medicine Library	(2013)
Jennifer Wilson	Education	(2013)

Appointed

Harvey Starr, Chair	Political Science	(2011)
Christine DiStefano	Education	(2012)
Steve McNeill	Engineering & Computing	(2013)
Tom McNally, ex-officio	Libraries	

SCHOLASTIC STANDARDS AND PETITIONS, COMMITTEE ON

This committee shall consider matters concerning university academic requirements, standards, policies, and practices. It shall review changes proposed by colleges and shall make recommendations to the appropriate faculty or the Faculty Senate.

Decisions of a college committee concerning academic regulations may be appealed to the university committee by either the student involved or the dean of the college. Grounds for appeals shall be limited to a contention that a university academic regulation was misinterpreted or that the college committee hearing was fundamentally unfair. The appealing party shall describe in writing the basis for the appeal and shall provide available supporting information. If the committee considers an appeal, it may confirm the decision of the college committee, return the case to the college for reconsideration, or under exceptional circumstances reverse the decision of the college committee in matters involving the interpretation of university regulations.

In addition to the six elected faculty members, there shall be two student members. The director of admissions and the registrar, or representatives of those offices, shall serve as ex officio members.

Elected

Jayanth Jayaram	Business	(2011)
Craig Keeney, Chair	Libraries	(2011)
Ronald Davis	Music	(2012)
Andrew Graciano	Art	(2012)
Daniella DiCecco	Languages, Literatures, & Cultures	(2013)
Subra Bulusu	Earth & Ocean Sciences	(2013)

Appointed

Scott Verzyl, ex-officio	Admissions
Aaron Marterer, ex-officio	Registrar's Office
Vacant (Student)	
Vacant (Student)	

SENATE STEERING COMMITTEE

This committee shall serve as a nominating committee and as a planning body that studies issues confronting the university and recommends action to be taken by existing faculty committees, the faculty, and the administration.

The committee is composed of the seven chairs of the following committees: Admissions, Athletics Advisory, Curricula and Courses, Faculty Advisory, Faculty Budget, Faculty Welfare, and Scholastic Standards and Petitions, and of two faculty members appointed by the chair of the Faculty Senate. The provost shall serve ex officio. Ad hoc committees shall be created as needed, and the Faculty Senate chair shall consult with the Senate Steering Committee before appointing their members.

Michael Amiridis, ex-officio	Provost	
Patrick Nolan, Chair	Sociology	(Fac Sen Chair) (Fac Sen Chair Elect)
Rebekah Maxwell	Law Library	(Fac Sen Sec)
Ernest Wiggins	Mass Communications & Info. Studies	(Admissions)
Pamela Melton	Libraries	(Athletics Adv)
Jennifer Vendemia	Psychology	(Cur and Cour)
Chris Robinson	Art	(Fac Advisory)
Duncan Alford	Law	(Fac Budget)
Kevin Bennett	Medicine	(Fac Welfare)
Craig Keeney	Libraries	(Stds & Pet)

Appointed

Mark Tompkins	Political Science	(Parliamentarian)
Audrey Korsgaard	Business	(UCTP Chair)

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON TENURE AND PROMOTIONS

This committee shall publish guidelines for departmental tenure and promotion criteria and procedures, approve departmental tenure and promotion criteria and procedures, review all tenure and promotion cases, and make tenure and promotion recommendations to the president. It shall be composed of twenty-four tenured full professors, fifteen elected by the faculty and nine appointed by the president. NO more than three elected members may be from any single college or school except the College of Arts and Sciences, which may have up to nine elected members. Of the nine appointed members, no more than two may be chosen from any single college or school.

The elected members shall be nominated by a committee composed of the members of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee, and the eight persons completing their terms on the Tenure and Promotions Committee. The nominating committee shall nominate a slate of ten, from which the voting members of the faculty shall elect five persons. Each voting faculty member may vote for up to five nominees. No person shall serve more than three years consecutively, and no department chair, assistant or associate dean, or dean shall be a member of the committee.

Elected

Jerry Hilbish	Biology	(2011)
Sandra Kelly	Psychology	(2011)
Audrey Korsgaard, Chair	Business	(2011)
Michael Myrick	Chemistry & Biochemistry	(2011)
Scott Price	Music	(2011)
Arlene Andrews	Social Work	(2012)
Drucilla Barker	Women's & Gender Studies	(2012)
Kwame Dawes	English	(2012)
Lucia Pirisi-Creek	Medicine	(2012)
Mitchell Yell	Educational Studies	(2012)
Don Jordan	Science Education	(2013)
Clifford Leaman	Music	(2013)
Martin McWilliams	Law	(2013)
John Richards	Psychology	(2013)
Virginia Scotchie	Art	(2013)

Appointed

Suzanne McDermott	Medicine	(2011)
Donna Richter	Public Health	(2011)
David Shields	English	(2011)
Gloria Boutte	Education	(2012)
August Grant	Mass Communications & Info Studies	(2012)
Anthony Reynolds	Engineering & Computing	(2012)
Erik Drasgow	Education	(2013)
Valadmir Gudkov	Physics and Astronomy	(2013)
Richard Schulz	Pharmacy	(2013)

TENURE REVIEW BOARD

This board conducts hearings and rules on cases involving the dismissal of tenured faculty members for cause. It also resolves disagreements between the provost and any unit over the content of unit post-tenure review standards and procedures. The seven members of the board shall be tenured faculty, two appointed by the president and five elected by the faculty for staggered three-year terms.

Elected

Milind Purohit	Physics & Astronomy	(2011)
Ran Wei	Mass Communications & Info. Studies	(2011)
Don Jordan, Chair	Center for Science Education	(2012)
William Sudduth	Libraries	(2013)
Brant Hellwig	Law	(2013)

Appointed

Jeremiah Hackett	Philosophy	(2011)
Satish Jayachandran	Business	(2013)