

2011-2012 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 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 2011-12

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

William Sudduth, Chair	Libraries	(2012)
Catherine Gustafson	Hospitality, Retail, & Sport Management	(2013)
Olga Ivashkevich	Art	(2013)
Divya Ahuja	Medicine	(2014)
Kenny Whitby	Political Science	(2014)

Appointed

Leila Heidari	(Undergraduate Student)
John Cuenin	(Undergraduate Student)
Vacant	(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

Bonnie Drowniany, Chair	Mass Communications & Info. Studies	(2012)
Francis Gadala-Maria	Engineering & Computing	(2013)
Lori Schwartz	Libraries	(2013)
Joan Donohue	Business	(2014)
Hunter Gardner	Languages, Literatures, & Cultures	(2014)

Appointed

Scott Verzyl, ex-officio, Secretary	Admissions	
Helen Doeringhaus	Provost's Office	
Shawn Youngstedt	Arnold School of Public Health	(2012)
Dan Friedman	University 101	(2013)

Vacant		(2013)
Kathy Evans	Education	(2014)

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

Charley Adams, Chair	Public Health	(2012)
Chris Robinson	Art	(2012)
Jean Ellis	Geography	(2013)
Joel Samuels(on leave Spring 2012)	Law	(2013)
Harold Friedman	Medicine	(2014)
Mark Nagel	Hospitality, Retail, & Sport Management	(2014)

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	
Christopher Campbell	(President, Student Athletics Advisory)	
JennaMarie Hill	(Undergraduate Student)	
Vacant	(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

Yvonne Ivory	Languages, Literatures, & Cultures	(2012)
Douglas King	Libraries	(2012)
Jodi Spillane, Chair	Libraries	(2013)
Elizabeth Sudduth	Libraries	(2013)
Douglas Meade	Mathematics	(2014)
Gloria Zinky	Law Library	(2014)
Catherine Kenimer	(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

Peter Binev, Chair	Mathematics	(2012)
John Kupfer	Geography	(2012)
Katherine Adams	English	(2013)
Tom Weir	Mass Communications & Info. Studies	(2013)
Pat Gehrke	English	(2014)
Michael Hill	Languages, Literatures, & Cultures	(2014)

Appointed

Kris Finnigan, ex-officio	Office of the Provost	
Nancy Zimmerman, ex-officio	Graduate School	
Robert Castleberry	USC Sumter	(2012)
Chelsea Hoggle	(Student)	
Vacant	(Graduate) or (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

Jan Breuer	Business	(2012)
James Carper	Education	(2012)
James Knapp, Chair	Earth & Ocean Sciences	(2013)
Vacant		(2013)

Shawn Chillag	Medicine	(2014)
Melinda Forthoefer	Public Health	(2014)
Michael Amiridis, ex-officio	Provost	
Sandra Kelly ex-officio	Psychology (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.

Sandra Kelly, Chair	Psychology (Faculty Senate Chair)
Patrick Nolan	Sociology (Faculty Senate Past Chair)
Varsha Kulkarni	Physics & Astronomy (Faculty Welfare Chair)
James Knapp	Earth & Ocean Sciences (Faculty Advisory Chair)
Charles Keith	USC Beaufort (Senior Campuses Representative-2012)
Sarah Miller	USC Salkehatchie (2-year Campuses Representative-2012)

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	
Camelia Knapp, Chair	Earth & Ocean Sciences	(2012)
Bo Cai	Public Health	(2013)
Tom Regan	Hospitality, Retail, & Sport Management	(2014)
Sandra Kelly	Psychology (Fac Sen Chair)	
Patrick Nolan	Sociology (Fac Sen Past Chair)	
James Knapp	Earth & Ocean Sciences (Fac Advisory Chair)	
Chris Robinson	(Fac Advisory Past Chair)	
Varsha Kulkarni	(Fac Welfare Chair)	
Kevin Bennett	Medicine (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

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)
Pamela Melton	Law	(2014)
Vacant		(2014)
Vacant		(2014)

Appointed

Suzanne McDermott	Medicine	(2014)
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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.

Varsha Kulkarni, Chair	Physics & Astronomy	(2012)
Jihong Liu	Public Health	(2012)
Amy Suzanne Johnson	Education	(2013)
Christine Whitaker	Medicine Library	(2013)
Erin Connolly	Biological Sciences	(2014)
Nina Moreno	Languages, Literatures, & Cultures	(2014)

Appointed

Tawanda Greer	Psychology	(2014)
David Mott	Medicine	(2014)

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

Mark Tompkins	Political Science	(2012)
Jeanette Jerrell	Medicine	(2012)
Paul Cammarata	Libraries	(2013)
Jeremiah Hackett	Philosophy	(2013)
Venkat Lakshmi	Earth & Ocean Sciences	(2014)
Toni Torres-McGehee	Education	(2014)

Appointed

Christine Curtis, Chair	Office of the Provost
Emily Saleeby	(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

Jeremy Lane	Music	(2012)
Vacant		(2012)
Steffen Strauch	Physics & Astronomy	(2012)
Kirk Fiedler	Business	(2013)
Esmail Jabbari, Chair	Engineering & Computing	(2013)
Sharon Verba	Libraries	(2013)
Karen Brown	Libraries	(2014)
Jeffrey Patton	Medicine	(2014)
Susan Rathbun-Grubb	Mass Communications & Info. Studies	(2014)
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

Fran Gardner	USC Lancaster	(2012)
Valinda Littlefield	History	(2012)
Charlie Pierce	Engineering & Computing	(2013)
Theresa Smith	Pharmacy	(2013)
Linda Shimizu	Chemistry	(2014)
Ashwani Monga	Business	(2014)
Will Crane	(Undergraduate Student)	
Vacant	(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

Kenneth Campbell, Chair	Mass Communications & Info. Studies	(2012)
Elizabeth Sudduth	Libraries	(2012)
Robert Brookshire	Hospitality, Retail, & Sport Management	(2013)
Swapan Ray	Medicine	(2013)
Esmail Jabbari	Engineering & Computing	(2014)
Richard Long	Biological Sciences	(2014)

Appointed

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

Pamela Jewett, Chair	Education	(2012)
Lee Walker	Political Science	(2012)
Subra Bulusu	Earth & Ocean Sciences	(2013)
Sarah Fletcher	Medicine Library	(2013)
Ellen Schlaefer	Music	(2013)
Maureen Anderson	USC Salkehatchie	(2014)
Katherine Barbieri	Political Science	(2014)
Ashok Chauhan	Medicine	(2014)
Karen Gavigan	Mass Communications & Info. Studies	(2014)

Appointed

Christine DiStefano	Education	(2012)
Steve McNeill	Engineering & Computing	(2013)
John Besley	Mass Communications & Info. Studies	(2014)
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

Ronald Davis, Chair	Music	(2012)
Andrew Graciano	Art	(2012)
Daniella DiCecco	Languages, Literatures, & Cultures	(2013)
Subra Bulusu	Earth & Ocean Sciences	(2013)
Joan Culley	Nursing	(2014)
Lori Schwartz	Libraries	(2014)

Appointed

Scott Verzyl, ex-officio	Admissions
Aaron Marterer, ex-officio	Registrar's Office
Will Crane	(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	
Sandra Kelly, Chair	Psychology	(Fac Sen Chair)
Patrick Nolan	Sociology	(Fac Sen Past Chair)
Rebekah Maxwell	Law Library	(Fac Sen Sec)
Bonnie Drewniany	Mass Communications & Info Studies	(Admissions)
Joel Samuels	Law	(Athletics Adv)
Peter Binev	Mathematics	(Cur and Cour)
James Knapp, Chair	Earth & Ocean Sciences	(Fac Advisory)
Camelia Knapp	Earth & Ocean Sciences	(Fac Budget)
Varsha Kulkarni	Physics & Astronomy	(Fac Welfare)
Ronald Davis	Music	(Stds & Pet)

Appointed

Mark Tompkins	Political Science	(Parliamentarian)
Mitchell Yell	Educational Studies	(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

Arlene Andrews	Social Work	(2012)
Drucilla Barker	Women's & Gender Studies	(2012)
William Brown	Education	(2012)
Lucia Pirisi-Creek	Medicine	(2012)
Mitchell Yell, Chair	Educational Studies	(2012)
Don Jordan	Science Education	(2013)
Clifford Leaman	Music	(2013)
Martin McWilliams	Law	(2013)
John Richards	Psychology	(2013)
Virginia Scotchie	Art	(2013)
Cynthia Davis	English	(2014)
Edsel Peña	Statistics	(2014)
Donna Richter	Public Health	(2014)
Ken Shimizu	Chemistry & Biochemistry	(2014)
Doug Wedell	Psychology	(2014)

Appointed

August Grant	Mass Communications & Info Studies	(2012)
Anthony Reynolds	Engineering & Computing	(2012)
Kathleen Scharer	Nursing	(2012)
Robert Ployhart	Business	(2013)
Valadmir Gudkov	Physics & Astronomy	(2013)
Richard Schulz	Pharmacy	(2013)
Chris Williams	Engineering	(2014)
Marianne Bickle	Hospitality, Retail, & Sport Management	(2014)
Saundra Glover	Public Health	(2014)

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

Don Jordan	Center for Science Education	(2012)
William Sudduth	Libraries	(2013)
Brant Hellwig	Law	(2013)
Craig Keeney	Libraries	(2014)
Vacant		(2014)

Appointed

Satish Jayachandran	Business	(2013)
Joshua Gold, Chair	Education	(2014)