Orientation to FASE Governance

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INTRODUCTIONS

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FACULTY COUNCIL GOVERNANCE PATH

Standing Committee / Unit
- Develops policy or program proposal with input from stakeholders
- Assigns classification level (i.e., for Council's information or approval)

Executive Committee
- Endorses or approves items and forwards them to Council
- Considers classification level and elevates if necessary

Faculty Council
- Receives items for info or vote
- Forwards approved items to UT and/or province, as necessary

University / Province
- University approves and forwards item to province's Quality Council for information or approval, and/or to MTCU for funding (as necessary)

Implementation
- Policy adopted, program launched, etc.
Faculty Council sets and approves academic policy, principles, priorities, and the general direction for the teaching and research activities of the Faculty.
FACULTY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

• Teaching staff
• Graduate and Undergraduate students
• Professors emeriti (for five years upon retirement)
• Alumni
• Administrative staff
• Registrar
• U of T representatives or designates
FACULTY COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

• Establish policies regarding academic matters (e.g., curriculum, appeals)

• Approve and regulate standards of admissions

• Advise the Dean on matters relating to academic matters

• Establish committees for the conduct of council business

• Delegate authority for administration of its policies to its committees and academic administrative officers
DEAN’S RESPONSIBILITIES

• Provides strategic direction and management
• Directs appointments, promotion and tenure
• Manages budget and resources
ROLE OF FACULTY COUNCIL MEMBERS

• Advance and uphold the mission of the Faculty
• Give relevant input into the Faculty’s vision, strategies and objectives
• Exercise informed judgement – become knowledgeable
• Prepare thoroughly for each meeting
• Communicate persuasively and logically at Council meetings
• Be accountable for Council decisions
• Vote except where a conflict of interest exists

Adapted from: University of Toronto, Governing Council Expectations of Governors and Attributes of Governors 2010
TYPICAL FACULTY COUNCIL AGENDA

1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda
2. Introduction of New Faculty
3. Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting
4. Memorial Tribute(s)
5. Report of the Dean
6. Reports that Require Approval
7. Reports to Receive for Information
8. Discussion Items or Presentations
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

• Primary working group of Faculty Council

• Chaired by the Dean, members include:
  • Dean, Vice- and Associate-Deans
  • Chairs and Directors
  • Standing Committee Chairs
  • Council Speaker
  • Administrative Staff representative from departments and institutes
  • Alumni, Undergraduate and Graduate Students
  • Dean’s Office Administrative Staff (non-voting)
  • Secretary (non-voting)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

• Endorse the agenda and motions for each Council meeting.

• Ensure that adequate documentation is provided for each agenda item and refer back any item deemed not ready for submission.

• Receive reports from standing committees.

• Direct items of business to Council or the appropriate standing committee(s).

• Review and advise Council on all proposed Constitution and By-Law changes.

• Monitor the functioning of Council and its Committees.
ACADEMIC APPEALS BOARD (UNDERGRADUATE)

• The composition and function of the Academic Appeals Board (Undergraduate) is established by Council and reflected in the Board’s manual of operation, separate from the Bylaws.

• The manual must be reviewed at least once in a five-year cycle, with re-affirmations submitted to Council for information, and revisions submitted to Council for approval.
STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

• Standing committees report to Faculty Council via the Executive Committee
• Their terms of reference, domains and membership compositions are recorded in the Faculty’s Bylaws
• They are responsible for policy review and development within their domains, and in most cases, for routine activities
• This is described in each committee’s manual of operations, separate from the Bylaws
STANDING COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

• Admissions Committee, Undergraduate
• Assessment Committee, Undergraduate
• Curriculum Committee, Undergraduate
• Engineering Graduate Education Committee
• Inclusivity, Diversity & Equity Advisory Committee
• Research Committee
• Scholarships & Awards Committee, Undergraduate
• Teaching Methods & Resources Committee
RECENT CHANGES TO STANDING COMMITTEES

• In December 2021, Council approved updated committee domains, membership categories and compositions

• The Subject Matter Expert (SME) membership category was introduced

• Starting in 2022-2023, some committee members’ terms will be extended
  • Teaching staff: 1 year → 3 years (initial appts staggered)
  • Alumni: 1 year → 3 years (initial appts staggered)
PROCEDURES FOR COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL

• Council approved new committee procedures in April 2021, which outline:
  • Committee responsibilities
  • Committee membership structure
  • Duties of Chair and Vice-Chair
  • Meeting operating procedures
  • Template for standing committee manuals
QUESTIONS?

• For more information about Faculty Council and its committees, see http://www.engineering.utoronto.ca/about/governance/faculty-council/.

• For questions about governance, contact Caroline Ziegler at governance.fase@utoronto.ca or 416-978-7743.