

University Committee on Professional-Track Faculty

Annual Report of the Faculty Senate

Submitted on behalf of the committee by Tim Baker

2023-2024 Committee Members

- Timothy Baker, (Chair), Darla Moore School of Business (2024)
- Sean Yee, (Primary) Teacher Education Department in COE, (Secondary) Mathematics in CAS (2024)
- Marco Valtorta (UCTP member), Computer Science and Engineering (2025)
- Celeste Caulder, College of Pharmacy (2025)
- Sheryl Mitchell, College of Nursing (2026)
- Dwayne Alleyne, College of Nursing (2026)
- Mary Anne Fitzpatrick (ex-officio), Office of the Provost
- Lisa Hammond (ex-officio), Office of the Provost
- *Brianne Dunn, Clinical Associate Professor, College of Pharmacy, past chair serving in an advisory role*

During the 2023-2024 academic year, the committee met on the following dates

- Fall Semester: 9/15/2023, 11/17/2023 and 12/13/2023
- Spring Semester: 1/17/24, 1/25/24, 2/13/24, 3/12/24, 4/2/2024, and 4/30/24

Committee Activities to date are summarized below relating to each charge:

1) Reviewing and approving college, school, and academic policies regarding professional-track faculty.

Established processes and procedures for objective and consistent criteria review by committee members. Established review sequence from academic unit to Office of the Provost to the UCPTF. Review in the provost's office may entail addressing questions or concerns back to the unit before forwarding to UCPTF for final consideration. One unit's criteria and guidelines are currently undergoing committee review; another has been returned to the unit for revisions.

2) Proposing and reviewing university-wide policies regarding professional-track faculty.

Proposed faculty manual revisions provided to the Faculty Advisory Committee for review to include proposals for professional-track faculty and related policies. In collaboration with the Faculty Advisory Committee and the Office of the Provost, committee members participated in a town hall to discuss proposed faculty manual changes on January 18, 2024. The Faculty Senate passed the proposed changes in their February 7, 2024, meeting. The proposed faculty manual passed in the General Faculty meeting on April 24 and is currently in administrative review by the provost and president before final approval by the Board of Trustees.

3) Advising the Faculty Senate and the administration regarding issues related to professional-track faculty.

Ongoing communication with the Chair of the Faculty Senate and the Chair of the Faculty Advisory Council to advance ongoing work related to professional-track faculty.