2016-2017 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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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
Robin DiPietro  Hospitality, Retail, & Sport Management  (2017)
Dick Kawooya, Chair  Information and Communications  (2017)
Ehsan Jabbarzadeh  Chemical Engineering  (2018)
Brent Appling  Libraries  (2019)
Dorothy Orth  Education  (2019)

Appointed
Alexis Free-Jenkins  Undergraduate Student
Caleb Dixon  Undergraduate Student
Alexander Vera  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
Robert Friedman  Biological Sciences  (2017)
Nikki Wooten  Social Work  (2017)
Chen Zhou  Business  (2018)
Cormac Cannon  Music  (2019)
Laura Litwer  Libraries  (2019)

Appointed
Scott Verzyl, ex-officio, Secretary  Admissions
Helen Doerpinghaus  Provost's Office
Erica Tobolski  Theatre and Dance  (2017)
Amber Williams, Chair  Nursing  (2018)

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
Jay Potts  Medicine  (2017)
Toni Torres-McGehee, Chair  Education  (2017)
Brandon Bookstaver  Pharmacy  (2018)
Deborah Brosdahl  Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management  (2019)
Johnathan Ohrt  Education  (2019)

Appointed
BOOKSTORES 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
Rafael Becerril Arreola, Business (2017)

David Hitchcock, Statistics (2017)

Edward Gieskes, Chair, English (2018)


Norma Frizzell Catledge, Medicine (2019)

Birgitta Johnson, Music (2019)

Logan Lebron, 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**

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<td>Erin Roberts, Chair-Elect</td>
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<td>Sarah Rothenberg</td>
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**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**

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<td>Jed Lyons</td>
<td>Mechanical Engineering</td>
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<td>Camelia Knapp</td>
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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, Aiken, Beaufort, and Upstate. 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.

Augie Grant, Chair  
James Knapp  
Christian Anderson  
Andrea L’Hommedieu  
Eva Monsma  
Marco Valtorta  
John Salazar  
Thomas Bragg  

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.

Mary Alexander, ex-officio  
Office of the Provost
Heather Heckman, Chair Libraries (2017)

Andreas Heyden Chemical Engineering (2018)

Tom Regan Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management (2019)

Augie Grant Journalism & Mass Communications (Fac Sen Chair)
Marco Valtorta Computer Science and Engineering (Sen Chair-Elect)
Eva Monsma Education (Fac Advisory Co-Chair)
Christian Anderson Education (Fac Welfare Co-Chair)
Andrea L’Hommedieu Libraries (Fac Welfare Past/present Co-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
Drucilla Barker Anthropology (2017)
Mitchell Yell Education (2017)
Eboni Nelson Law (2017)
Shannon Bowen Journalism & Mass Communications (2018)
Joshua Gold
FACULTY SENATE IT COMMITTEE

The Faculty Senate Information Technology Committee provides a faculty voice in assessing and planning Information Technology (IT) services, resources, and infrastructure for administration, instruction, and research at the University of South Carolina. The committee shall consist of eight members of the voting faculty; one graduate student representative; one undergraduate student representative; and no more than six ex-officio representatives, typically one each from the University Technology Services (UTS), Research Cyberinfrastructure (RCI), the University Libraries, the Office of the Vice President for Research (VPR), the Office of the Provost, and the Office of the University Registrar. The composition of the committee shall reflect the need for expertise in the complex field of IT and general interest of the University faculty.

Bob Brookshire  Hospitality, Retail, & Sport Management  (2017)
Mark Cooper  English  (2017)
John Grego  Statistics  (2017)
Andrea Benigni  Electrical Engineering  (2018)
Mark Ferguson  Business  (2018)
Susan Rathbun-Grubb  Library and Information Science  (2019)
Simon  School of Visual Arts & Design  (2019)
Vacant  Undergraduate Student
Vacant  Graduate Student
, ex-officio  UTS
, ex-officio  Research Cyberinfrastructure
, ex-officio  University Libraries
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.

Christian Anderson, Co-Chair Education (2017)
Andrea L’Hommedieu, Co-Chair Libraries (2017)
Roozbeh Behroozmand Public Health (2018)
Drucilla Barker Anthropology (2019)
Subrahmanya Bulusu Earth & Ocean Sciences (2019)

Appointed
Mark Beck Languages, Literatures, & Cultures (2017)
Susan Kuo Law (2017)

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
Francis Gadala-Maria Engineering & Computing (2017)
Jean Clenney Libraries (2017)
Herbert Hartsook Libraries (2018)
Varsha Kulkarni Physics & Astronomy (2018)
Timothy Simmons Libraries (2019)
Candle Wester Law (2019)

Appointed
Cheryl Addy Office of the Provost
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

Joan Culley, Nursing (2017)
Alyson Drake, Law Library (2017)
Don Jordan, Chair, Science Education (2017)
Tena Crews, Hospitality, Retail, & Sport Management (2018)
Yordanka Ilieva, Physics & Astronomy (2018)
Vacant (2018)
Kirk Fielder, Business Administration (2019)
Carolyn Harmon, Nursing (2019)

Cheryl Addy, ex-officio, Office of the Provost
Helen Doerpinghaus, ex-officio, Office of the Provost
Bryan Jenkins, ex-officio, University Technology Services
Christy Friend, ex-officio, Center for Teaching Excellence

Appointed

Mark Beck, Languages, Literatures, & Cultures (2017)
Sherry Grosso, Palmetto College (2017)
Kellee White, Epidemiology and Biostatistics (2018)
Christine Rinehart, Palmetto College (2018)
Vacant, 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

Nathaniel Bell, Nursing
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
Chin-Tser Huang, Engineering & Computing (2017)
Birgitta Johnson, Music (2017)
Ellen Schlaefer, Chair, Music (2017)
Chun-Hui Miao, Business Administration (2019)
Richard Southall, Hospitality, Retail & Sport Management (2019)

Appointed
Holly Crocker, English (2017)
Kathryn Edwards, History (2018)
Tom McNally, ex-officio, Libraries (2019)
PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, COMMITTEE ON

This committee will investigate formal complaints of workplace bullying. The committee will consist of 10 elected faculty members for staggered three-year terms. Each member of the Committee must hold the rank of tenured Professor or tenured librarian. No Committee member shall serve simultaneously on the Faculty Grievance Committee. Prior to the commencement of a committee member’s duties, he or she must receive training in the recognition of workplace bullying, which is defined below under the section on workplace civility. The Provost in consultation with the Chair of the Faculty Senate will appoint a tenured faculty member to serve in a part-time capacity as the Faculty Civility Advocate.

In response to the receipt of a formal complaint of workplace bullying, the Provost shall appoint an ad hoc committee to investigate the complaint. The ad hoc committee shall consist of three members from the Committee and two non-Committee faculty members.

Elected
Beth Bilderback Libraries (2017)
Rosemarie Booze Psychology (2017)
John Grego, Chair Statistics (2017)
George Voulgaris Earth & Ocean Sciences (2017)
Jessica Elfenbein History (2018)
John (Andy) Gillentine Hospitality, Retail, & Sport Management (2018)
Pamela Melton Law Library (2018)
Shirley Carter Journalism & Mass Communication (2019)
Joseph Quattro Biological Sciences (2019)

Appointed
Janice Breuer (Faculty Civility Advocate) Economics
Cheryl Addy, ex-officio Office of the Provost

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
Susan Poslusny Nursing (2017)
Kathy Snediker, Chair Libraries (2017)
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.

Joan Gabel, ex-officio  Provost  Journalism & Mass Communications  (Fac Sen Chair)
Augie Grant, Chair  Computer Science and Engineering  (Fac Sen Chair-Elect)
Marco Valtorta  South Caroliniana Library  (Fac Sen Sec)
Elizabeth West  Nursing  (Admissions)
Amber Williams  Exercise Science  (Athletics Adv)
Toni Torres-McGehee  Psychology  
Kathleen Kirasic  
Eva Monsma  Education  (Co-Chair-Fac Advisory)
Marco Valtorta  Computer Science and Engineering  (Co-Chair-Fac Advisory)
Heather Heckman  Libraries  (Fac Budget)
Christian Anderson  Education  (Co-Chair-Fac Welfare)
Andrea L’Hommedieu  Libraries  

Appointed
Scott Verzyl, ex-officio  Admissions
Aaron Marterer, ex-officio  Registrar's Office
Haley Anderson  Student
Vacant  Student
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
Bonnie Drewniany

Mark Ferguson

Melayne McInnes

Srihari Nelakuditi

Alan Waldman, Chair

Journalism & Mass Communications (2017)
Business (2017)
Economics (2017)
Computer Science & Engineering (2017)
Biological Sciences
Maria Girardi Mathematics (2017)
Carol Harrison History (2018)
DeAnne Hilfinger Messias Nursing (2018)
Robin Morris Psychology (2018)
John Fitz Rogers Music (2018)
Subrahmanyam Bulusu Earth, Ocean, and Environment (2019)
Robert Cox Political Science (2019)
Robert Johnson Educational Studies (2019)
Sue Levkoff Social Work (2019)
Christopher Williams Chemical Engineering (2019)

Appointed
Milind Kunchur Physics & Astronomy (2017)
Agnes Mueller Languages, Literatures, & Cultures (2017)
Josh Eagle Law (2018)
Holly LaVoie Medicine (2018)
Mark Nagel HRSM (2018)
Audrey Korsgaard Management (2019)
Angela Liese Public Health (2019)
Matt Thatcher Computer Science & Engineering (2019)

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**
Varsha Kulkarni  
Physics & Astronomy  
(2017)

Stephen Liu  
Education  
(2017)

Don Jordan  
Center for Science Education  
(2018)

Jim Knapp  
Earth and Ocean Sciences  
(2019)

Kathleen Kirasic  
Psychology  
(2019)

**Appointed**
Don Doyle  
History  
(2017)