

Faculty Council Orientation

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Purpose

- Offer an introduction to faculty governance at UNC Charlotte
- Describe the duties of a faculty council representative
- 30 minutes



What is Faculty Governance?

- [Faculty Governance at UNC Charlotte](#)

Faculty Governance Ecosystem

- Three Representative Governance bodies: [Faculty Council, Student Government Association, Staff Council](#)
- College-level Faculty Councils
- [UNC System Faculty Assembly](#)



Purpose and Authority of the Faculty (Constitution of the Faculty, Article III)

<https://facultygovernance.charlotte.edu/about-faculty-governance/governing-documents>

Section 1: General Purpose: The Faculty shall strive to preserve, generate, transmit, and apply knowledge and understanding and to foster and support a vital spirit of open inquiry and critical thinking.

Section 2: Justification for Faculty Authority: The Faculty accepts the major portion of accountability for the quality of instruction and scholarship at this university. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that responsibility and authority, both primary and shared, for certain functions within the University be assigned and delegated to the Faculty and that the process for the discharge of these responsibilities and the exercise of this authority be defined.



Policy-Making Responsibilities and Authority Subject to the delegation of authority from the Chancellor and to the regulations and/or policies of the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina, and the President's Office, the Faculty assumes primary policy-making responsibility for:

- 1. setting minimal general degree requirements for the University, to which the faculties of individual colleges and programs may add additional requirements for their graduates;**
- 2. setting minimal University admission standards, to which the faculties of individual colleges or programs may add additional standards, and/or for which the faculties of individual colleges and programs may set higher standards than those set by the Faculty generally;**
- 3. establishing academic plans and curricula and developing and reviewing proposed new programs, including auxiliary academic programs (e.g., continuing education);**
- 4. establishing grading systems and setting academic policies concerning withdrawal, suspension, and retention;**
- 5. establishing policies and standards for the granting of academic credit;**
- 6. establishing policies for the granting of degrees, academic and honorary, and acting to award such degrees;**
- 7. establishing policy, within the limitations of The Code, and the tenure document, concerning promotion, appointment, reappointment, tenure, and post-tenure review of faculty (It is recognized that the tenure document is, and will continue to be, subject to judicial interpretation and to interpretation by the administration after hearing the advice of appropriate faculty bodies as designated by the Faculty Council);**
- 8. establishing policies governing academic counseling of students;**
- 9. establishing policy for the allocation of those UNC Charlotte research funds which are open to the solicitations of the general faculty; and**
- 10. 10. establishing policies and procedures for the faculty review of University administrators**



Consultation Responsibilities

The Faculty Council will be consulted in time to permit the forwarding of faculty recommendations when decisions are impending on policies concerning:

- 1. the academic calendar,**
- 2. salary increases,**
- 3. academic leave,**
- 4. academic workloads,**
- 5. allocation of academic positions,**
- 6. appointment of administrators,**
- 7. library user services and collection department,**
- 8. grants and contracts,**
- 9. academic computer use,**
- 10. course scheduling,**
- 11. allocation and use of existing facilities,**
- 12. transportation and parking,**
- 13. program and design of new facilities,**
- 14. changes in the formal structure of colleges, departments, or other units in the division of Academic Affairs.**



membership

ARTICLE II RIGHT TO VOTE AND HOLD OFFICE

Part-time Faculty and Visiting and Adjunct Faculty may not vote or hold office under this Constitution. Only Faculty with tenure may serve as a faculty president, president-elect, secretary, faculty standing committee chairperson, and member of the Faculty Executive Committee, except in the cases of faculty who give up tenure in phased retirement and members of the Library Faculty with the rank of associate professor and above. Faculty with administrative appointments, such as Chairpersons, Directors, and Deans, shall not serve on the Executive Committee of the Faculty. The Chancellor may serve, in accordance with The Code, as the Chairperson ex officio of the Faculty and the Faculty Council.



Officers

President – 2 year term

President-Elect – 1 year term

Secretary

Past-President

Composition

- One elected voting member per UNIT (departments)
- Ex-officio voting members: FEC, Chancellor, Provost, VC Student Affairs, VC Research, Deans.

Governed by Robert's Rules.



Meeting dates: last Thursday of the month from 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.,
except for December and February

- September 30
- October 28
- December 2
- January 27
- March 3
- March 31
- April 28



Expectations:

1. The agenda will go out 2 weeks before the meeting. Please read the materials and seek feedback from your unit. Please be prepared to debate and vote on all action items.
2. Use the tools of resolutions and motions. Learn and use Robert's rules.
3. Attend all meetings or ensure a delegate attends.
4. Provide reports, minutes, and share information in your unit.
5. Be a voice for your unit. Collect concerns or feedback and share with the appropriate committee or officer. Suggest agenda items.
6. Check news on the website, AA newsletter, and twitter @UNCCFaculty. Post news about Faculty in your unit on Twitter.
7. Engage/ coordinate with college governance.
8. Attend Board of Trustees or Board of Governors meetings when possible.

