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Faculty Councils shall make policy recommendations and facilitate faculty participation in shared governance within the scope of their charge. To expedite their efficient functioning, Faculty Councils need not seek the approval of the Faculty Senate prior to acting within the scope of their charge. Should the Faculty Senate disagree with the intended or implemented actions of a Faculty Council, the Faculty Senate may respond through the resolution process specified in the Bylaws.

Faculty Councils shall meet no less than twice per semester during the Fall and Spring semesters and may meet more often, as appropriate given the workload inherent in the scope of their charge. Council Chairs shall file written reports with the Secretary of the Faculty Senate by no later than the second week of the Spring and Summer semesters that summarize the activities of their Councils during the Fall and Spring semesters, respectively. Council Chairs or their designated representative shall report to the Faculty Senate at the discretion of the President of the Faculty Senate or the Chair of the Committee on Committees, or by majority vote of the Executive Committee or the Faculty Senate.

Appointment of Council members occurs on a continuous basis.

The Committee on Committees shall solicit members for selection to Faculty Councils. Membership is open to any member of the general faculty. Based upon the recommendation of the Committee on Committees, the Faculty Senate, by majority vote, shall recommend members to the Provost. The Provost shall appoint members from amongst those recommended by the Faculty Senate but may request additional
recommendations. The term of service of any Council member is from the date of appointment and until the end of the same academic year, unless the Council charge indicates otherwise.

Council members shall attend and fully participate in all meetings of their Councils. Chairs of Councils shall ensure written minutes of each Council meeting are kept and promptly posted in a manner that provides reasonable access by all members of the general faculty. In addition, they shall promptly respond to calls to answer additional inquiries by any member of the general faculty. Any Council member, to include Chairs, shall, by majority vote of the Faculty Senate, be dismissed for failure to perform appropriate duties.

1. Council on Educational Policy and Issues (CEPI). CEPI advises the Provost or designee on matters that influence the quality of education at the University.

2. Council on Faculty Issues (CFI). CFI advises the Provost or designee on matters that influence the personal and professional welfare of the faculty, to include evaluation of the performance of faculty and administrators.

3. Council on Student Admissions (CSA). CSA advises the Provost or designee on matters pertaining to the establishment and maintenance of policies, principles, and regulations affecting the selection and admission of students to the University.

4. Council on Technology for Instruction and Research (CTIR). CTIR advises the Provost or designee on matters pertaining to the function, policies, and requirements regarding the use of technology in instruction and research.

5. General Education Council (GEC). GEC advises the Provost or designee on matters pertaining to the ongoing development, implementation, and assessment of an effective general education program. Responsibilities include the evaluation and approval of courses for the liberal arts curriculum, as well as the periodic evaluation of the general education policy and development of future
general education programs.

6. Graduate Council (GC). GC advises the Provost or designee on principles, policies, and procedures affecting graduate education at the University.

7. Honors and Awards Council (HAC). HAC advises the Provost or designee on matters regarding the provision of various academic honors and awards granted by the University.

8. Library Council (LC). LC advises the Provost or designee on matters pertaining to the composition, function, and structure of the University libraries.

9. Research and Publications Council (RPC). RPC advises the Provost or designee on matters pertaining to policies and procedures intended to promote growth, excellence, and integrity in research and creative activity throughout the University. In addition, RPC is charged to recruit suitable scholarly and creative works for publication and to decide which works to support with subvention. Also, RPC serves as advisory board to the United Press of Florida when subvented manuscripts are published by United Press of Florida.

10. Undergraduate Council (UC). UC advises the Provost or designee on matters pertaining to undergraduate courses, curricula, institutional programs, and degrees of the University. In addition, UC addresses the development of future undergraduate programs and the development, review, and updating of the University’s statement of academic goals and objectives.

Other Faculty Councils may be named by the President of the Faculty Senate as necessary and shall be temporary.