Chapman Faculty Governance Overview

Faculty Senate: Faculty governance at Chapman University is coordinated by the Faculty Senate and its subgroups. All academic units elect representatives (Senators) and provide additional representation on the various Faculty Councils and Committees of the Senate. The Senate meets monthly during the fall and spring semesters; meetings are open to all full-time faculty and the agendas and minutes are emailed to full-time faculty regularly.

Senate Executive Board (SEB): The Senate Executive Board consists of the Senate President and Vice-President/President Elect, and the Chairs of the Senate's Councils. The SEB meets regularly with the Chancellor for information, advisement, and consent within the limitations specifically stated in the Faculty Constitution and Faculty Bylaws. The Senate Executive Board advises the President of the Senate, assists in the administration and planning of Senate meetings, and implements the Senate’s decisions and programs.

Faculty Personnel Council (FPC): The Faculty Personnel Council’s primary function is to make recommendations concerning faculty tenure, promotions, and critical year reviews, and the policies which govern these processes.

Faculty Research and Development Council (FRDC): The FRDC supports faculty research and development in all forms including teaching, scholarship, and creative pursuits. The Council considers applications for sabbaticals, faculty development leaves, university-funded faculty grants, and any other support initiatives which may be assigned to them by the Office of the Chancellor. The FRDC also recommends recipients for faculty honors, including awards for Pedagogical Innovation, Faculty Excellence, the Scudder awards, and the Wang-Fradkin and Outstanding Teaching Professorships.

Long-Range Planning Council (LRPC): The LRPC works with the administration to shape the strategic direction of the University, ensuring that the faculty has a significant voice and an ongoing role in the development and implementation of the University's strategic plans.

Undergraduate Academic Council (UAC): The Undergraduate Academic Council oversees the undergraduate academic program of the University, including general education requirements, library resources, creation of new undergraduate programs/majors/minors, and long range academic planning. The UAC has two standing Committees:

- **Undergraduate Student Standards Committee**: The Undergraduate Student Standards Committee determines and upholds policies concerning academic standards.
- **General Education (GE) Committee**: The General Education Committee develops and implements the general education plan for the university, and approves courses submitted for inclusion in the GE program.

Graduate Academic Council (GAC): The Graduate Academic Council supports and assists academic units with developing and upholding policies that relate to graduate education and programs, ensuring that all graduate programs meet high quality standards and are consistent with and supportive of Chapman’s mission, goals, and objectives.

Faculty Governance Council (FGC): The Faculty Governance Council works with the Senate on Faculty Constitution, Faculty Bylaws, and Faculty Manual review and updates, administrative reviews and the Faculty Satisfaction Survey, and resolution of Senate elections and Constitutional issues.
**Campus Community Council (CCC):** The Campus Community Council focuses on admissions, diversity, campus accessibility, and other areas of concern to faculty, staff, and students. The CCC has four standing committees:

- **Undergraduate Admissions Committee:** The Undergraduate Admissions Committee works with University Admissions staff to facilitate communication between faculty and Admissions staff, and recommends and monitors policies regarding admissions standards.

- **Diversity Committee:** The Diversity Committee develops a working definition of diversity and is responsible for developing, overseeing, and updating an action plan to increase diversity at Chapman University.

- **Campus Accessibility Committee:** The Campus Accessibility Committee monitors and updates the 5-year plan on campus accessibility and prioritizes each year's projects to increase accessibility.

- **Sustainability Committee:** The Sustainability Committee facilitates dialogue among the Chapman community about our sustainability and our responsibility to take active steps toward improving our environmental future.

**Assessment Committee:** The Assessment Committee is a university-wide governance group responsible for developing and implementing an assessment plan for the university, and for reviewing annual assessment reports from units.

**Academic Integrity Committee:** The Academic Integrity Committee is a university-wide governance group responsible for defining academic integrity and establishing policies and procedures for investigating, hearing, and sanctioning alleged violations of academic integrity at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

**Faculty Grievance Board:** The Faculty Grievance Board is a university-wide governance group which follows the procedures outlined in the Faculty Manual in order to fairly, efficiently, and impartially processes all faculty grievances.

The **Faculty Constitution, Faculty Bylaws,** and **Faculty Manual,** which provide more information on these groups and their operations, are available to faculty on Blackboard under the Faculty Governance tab or to other members of the Chapman community in MyWindow. Requests for these documents from persons outside the Chapman community may be directed to facultysenate@chapman.edu.