



FACULTY GOVERNANCE

Effective Date: August 1, 2019

Responsible Office: Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs

Division: Academic Affairs

I. PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE

This policy outlines the authority that faculty have in the governance of academic matters.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Faculty of Grambling State University contribute to the effective governance of the University by participating in organized meetings scheduled or called by the President or the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, serving on standing committees of the faculty, or ad hoc committees of the University, and serving on University administrative councils.

The Faculty addresses through formal meetings and faculty standing committees the affairs of the faculty. These include instruction, research, the curriculum, the general education program, the Library and Learning Resources Center, faculty welfare, the quality of academic and student life, academic standards, financial resources, grievances and appeals of certain employment related decisions.

A. Faculty Meetings

Faculty members meet at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters. Updates are provided by the President and other key university administrators.

B. Standing Committees of the Faculty

There are six standing committees of the faculty:

1. Faculty Appeals Committee
2. Faculty Grievance Committee
3. General Education Committee
4. Library and Learning Resources Committee
5. Promotion and Tenure Committee
6. University Curriculum Committee

The faculty handbook includes a description of the role and responsibilities of each Standing Committee.

C. Committee Operations

Committee term limits shall be for a three-year period on a revolving basis, so that no more than one-third of a committee rotates off in any given academic year (unless noted differently in the faculty handbook). Committee members can, however, serve for two consecutive terms. Members of the faculty standing committees shall be elected unless appointment is specified.

Deans of degree-granting colleges and the Dean of the Digital Library and Learning Commons shall call for nominations of faculty members from their departments to be placed on the ballots for standing committee elections. Faculty members shall be encouraged to submit their own names for consideration. The elections shall be held no later than August 30. The Deans shall report the standing committee election results to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs in writing as soon as the election results are available.

The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs shall make certain that by the fourth week of each academic year that all standing committees are fully constituted and operational. The meetings of the Faculty Appeals Committee, the Faculty Grievance Committee and the Promotion and Tenure Committee are closed. All other committee meetings are open to all members of the Faculty.

D. Ad Hoc Committees

The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs shall periodically designate ad hoc committees for specific academic purposes (i.e. catalog, faculty handbook, etc.). The ad hoc committees shall receive their charges from the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and continue to serve until their purposes are accomplished.

E. University Committees

These are committees whose scopes of work involve units and programs other than those found in Academic Affairs. Faculty, staff, and students are recommended for appointment to these committees by the vice presidents and approved by the President. A list of University Committees is found in Appendix I of the faculty handbook. There are both ad-hoc and standing University Committees.