

Board of Regents for Higher Education Connecticut State Colleges & Universities Academic & Student Affairs Committee Charter

Introduction

There is established a standing committee to be called the Academic and Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Regents for Higher Education (BOR). This charter broadly defines the Committee's roles with respect to academic policies and standards, program approvals, and student affairs.

Membership

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee shall be appointed by the Chair of the Board of Regents. It shall be composed of not less than five members of the board of regents. The chair of the Faculty Advisory Committee shall serve as an ex-officio member. One board member shall serve as chair of the Committee.

General Purpose and Scope

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee shall be a standing committee of the Board of Regents. It is charged with oversight of student affairs and system academic policy including, but not limited to, program approval, academic standards and transfer policy.

Committee Responsibilities

Actions that fall under the purview of the committee include but are not limited to:

- a. Review and recommend to the full Board mission statements for the constituent units and role and scope statements for the individual institutions and campuses (CGS section 10a-1c and section 10a-6(7))
- b. Monitor and evaluate institutional effectiveness and viability in accordance with criteria established by the board (CGS section 10a-6(5))
- c. Develop criteria to ensure acceptable quality in programs and institutions and enforce standards through licensing and accreditation as well as periodic program review (CGS section 10a-6(5))
- d. Approve and recommend to the full Board accreditation of institutions, licensing of new academic programs, modification of existing programs, and termination of programs (CGS section 10a-6(8), 10a-35a, and the Connecticut Regulations for Licensure and Accreditation of Institutions and Programs of Higher Learning)
- e. Recommend to the full Board approval of administrative units that focus on research and service activities—usually called centers or institutes, including centers of excellence (CGS 10a-25j)
- f. Recommend to the full Board approval of new policies or amendment of existing policies governing academic and student life matters

- g. Recommend to the full Board approval of honorary professorships and other special recognition of faculty, in conjunction with the Finance and Administration Committees when such honors carry a financial impact
- h. Recommend to the full Board approving conferral of honorary degrees
- i. Recommend to the full Board approval of promotion, tenure, and award of CSU Professor status, as recommended by presidents

Meetings

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee shall meet as often as deemed necessary by the Committee Chair. An annual calendar will be established.

Annual Review of Activities and Committee Charter

Each year, the committee will assess its activities with respect to the responsibilities outlined in this charter and take action as needed. This assessment shall include the adequacy of the charter itself. Recommendations to modify the charter's general purpose and scope shall require approval by the Board of Regents for Higher Education.

Staff to ASA Committee

CSCU Chief Academic Officer [Provost]