

Proposal: Academic Support Advisory Committee

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Rationale:

The Director of the Academic Center for Tutoring (ACT) recommends the formation of the new Faculty Senate committee, the *Academic Support Advisory Committee*. The ACT is a free tutoring service to help enrolled students succeed at understanding the fundamental theories and practices of various disciplines within math, science, writing, and the humanities, especially supporting core courses.

Charge:

The Academic Support Advisory Committee is responsible for the following:

1. Serving as a liaison between key tutorial programs and faculty and students across the curriculum.
2. Advising the directors of key tutorial units on issues concerning their services, excluding staff training.
3. Considering ways the key tutorial services can address faculty needs concerning the teaching of specific courses across the curriculum.

The Academic Support Advisory Committee should be composed of the following:

1. At least 7 faculty members from the subject areas historically served by the tutoring services:
 - a. At least three faculty members from the subject areas of the Humanities and Social Sciences (including, but not limited to, the following):
 - i. Communication
 - ii. English
 - iii. Foreign Languages
 - iv. History
 - v. Political Science
 - vi. Psychology
 - b. At least three faculty members from the subject areas of Math and the Sciences (including, but not limited to, the following):
 - i. Earth and Space Sciences
 - ii. Biology
 - iii. Natural Sciences
 - iv. Chemistry
 - v. Mathematics
 - c. At least one faculty member from the D. Abbott Turner College of Business
2. Administrators of developmental and tutoring programs
3. A representative from the Academic Center for Excellence
4. At least two student representatives; one from the areas of Math and Sciences, and one from the Humanities, assigned by the SGA and/or recruited from tutoring service client rosters.
5. The director of ACT as Ex-Officio, with the option of adding additional directors and academic tutorial services that come under advisement by the Academic Support Advisory Committee.

Recommendation: Add the Committee on Committees description to the Faculty Handbook

The Committee on Committees monitors and supports the structures and functions of standing Faculty Senate Committees, along with ad hoc committees and task forces created by Faculty Senate.

Tasks include helping with:

- Recruitment and assignment of membership and leadership
- Communication between committees and Faculty Senate, as well as between committees and the University community
- Development, uses, and alterations of committees across time.

The Committee on Committees should be composed minimally of three faculty senators, each from a different college, to serve a 2-year term.