

The University is required to review its admissions standards. The President reports to the Texas A&M University System Board of Regents (TAMUS BOR) the University's standards for the upcoming academic year. Upon TAMUS BOR approval, the admission standards are reported to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB). As shown in figure 1, the UAC reviews the University's undergraduate admissions standards as well as separate program admissions standards (e.g. nursing) and periodically conducts audits to ascertain adherence to standards. It recommends improved compliance where appropriate.

Monitor Efficiency and Effectiveness. The University Academic Council shall study all course, program and administrative change requests to avoid unnecessary duplication across disciplines and/or programs and to ensure that proposed changes reflect best practices.

In approving course, program, and administrative changes, the UAC shall ensure that measures have been taken to provide adequate faculty, facilities, support personnel, faculty development, library and instructional support, distance learning technology where applicable, and student support services (e.g. career planning, counseling).

Article II. MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION

Two groups are recognized for attendance at meetings of the University Academic Council and participation in its affairs: 1) members and 2) other participants.

A. Membership

The membership of the University Academic Council shall be constituted as follows:

One member of the regular, full-time University faculty from each school/college appointed by the dean or elected by the faculty at that college or school.

One member of the regular, full-time University faculty who is a member of the Faculty Senate and who has been elected or appointed by that body to represent the Faculty Senate on the University Academic Council (UAC);

The Director of Admissions;

Two student members to be elected annually by the Student Government Association;

Two college deans to be elected by the Council of Deans;

One professional staff member in addition to the Director of Admissions to be appointed by the President from the staff of Student and Enrollment Services;

A member-at-large to be appointed by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

All members of the University Academic Council shall serve for two year terms except student members and members-at-large who shall serve one year terms.

To ensure continuity in the UAC, the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Agriculture and Human Sciences, Education, Engineering, and the University College will elect representatives in even numbered years. The School of Architecture, College of Business, School of Juvenile Justice and Psychology, and College of Nursing will elect representatives in odd-numbered years. All members from the listed schools/colleges shall be voting members.

B. Other participants

Individuals asked to attend any meeting of the UAC by the chair, another UAC member, or by an invited guest are to notify the Chair of the intent to attend prior to the scheduled meeting.

Article III. OFFICERS

A. Chair

The University Academic Council shall be chaired by the Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs as designated by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

B. Co-Chair

The Co-Chair of the Council shall be a professional staff representative from Student and Enrollment Services.

C. Task Forces and Committees

The Chair of the University Academic Council may appoint committee chairs and task force leaders from among the Council membership or, on an as needed basis, from among non-members in the schools and colleges. Any member of the University community may request a special committee or task force.

D. Other Support

The Chair shall ensure support personnel to assume duties associated with preparing for meetings; maintaining records; managing correspondence; recording meeting minutes; and ensuring appropriate distribution of materials, files, and documents approved for processing.