

Academic Strategies Committee Charter Amendment

BACKGROUND

The Board of Trustees is responsible for ensuring and protecting, within the context of shared faculty governance, the educational quality of the university and its academic programs. The Academic Strategies Committee (ASC) of the Board was chartered to assist the Board in its oversight of the academic as well as the research and public service missions of the university. At its August 19 meeting, the Committee discussed changes to its charter, shown in red text in Attachment 1, that would:

- Remove outdated references to achievement compacts, which are no longer required by statute;
- Better reflect the Committee's broad oversight role by changing references to specific policies and broadening the language where appropriate (e.g., outreach and extension programs, research enterprise); and
- Delegate academic program approval to the Committee to allow for more efficient and timely approval of these request, recognizing the Committee's thoughtful review of academic program changes to date.

PROPOSED CHARTER AMENDMENT

Following the Committee's August 19 discussion, staff developed additional amendments to clarify the Committee's role in reviewing changes to centers and institutes. With the proposed changes shown in blue text in Attachment 1, creation, merger, or closure of ... "major university research institutes and centers" would be reviewed by the Committee and forwarded to the Board for action.

The category of major university research institutes and centers includes those that report centrally with significant oversight by the Research Office. This category does not include core facilities that provide a variety of research services such as electron microscopy and mass spectrometry. Current examples of major research institutes and centers include the Linus Pauling Institute, the Hatfield Marine Science Center, and the Center for Genome Research and Biocomputing.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff propose that the Academic Strategies Committee recommend to the Board that it approve the changes to the Committee charter as provided in Attachment 1.

Attachment 1

Academic Strategies Committee Charter

(changes shown in red were presented at the August 19 ASC meeting;
blue text shows changes since the August 19 ASC discussion)

The Academic Strategies Committee is established to assist the Board in its oversight of the teaching, research, and public service missions of the University. The Committee consists of the trustees appointed by the Board Chair. The Provost and Executive Vice President and the Vice President for Research are ex officio, non-voting members of the Committee.

The Committee's areas of responsibilities are: (1) assisting the Board to ensure and protect, within the context of faculty shared governance, the educational quality of the University and its academic programs; (2) monitoring progress towards the University's ~~achievement compact and other~~ academic performance ~~goals measures~~; (3) reviewing and recommending to the Board ~~major changes to the academic programs of the University, such as~~ the creation, merger, or closure of ~~degree programs~~, schools, colleges **or major university research centers or institutes**, ~~centers, or institutes~~ within the University; (4) ~~reviewing and approving major changes to the academic programs of the University, such as the creation, merger, or closure of degree programs~~; (45) ~~oversight of overseeing~~ the University's athletic programs; (56) overseeing University policies regarding student life and conduct, faculty, and academic affairs; (67) ~~oversight of overseeing the University's policies regarding~~ research **enterprise**; (78) ~~oversight of overseeing the University's policies regarding~~ outreach and **Extension programs**; and (89) **overseeing** engagement with accrediting bodies. The Committee is responsible for such other matters as may be referred to it by the Board.

The Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President is responsible for providing staff support to the Committee.

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