

Draft of Revisions Charge to the Academic Council College of Graduate and Professional Studies

Under the concept of shared governance, faculty members have the opportunity to provide input into decisions regarding the administration of various functions of the university, generally, and specifically in regard to the campus on which they serve. This input can be solicited and represented in a variety of ways. On the ACU Dallas campus, faculty input is made through the voting members of the CGPS Academic Council who are also full-time faculty members.

Specifically, in the instance of a change to the catalog information of a specific campus, the ACU Dallas Approval Chart requires the approval of the faculty as represented through the voting members of the CGPS Academic Council who are full-time faculty members.

The ACU Dallas Faculty Handbook is in the process of revision. Section 3.2.2 currently reads as follows:

The Academic Council meets monthly and serves the following functions:

1. Reviews proposals for new degree programs and votes to make recommendations to the Dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, the University Provost, and the President.
2. Reviews proposals for changes in degree requirements and makes recommendations to the Dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, the University Provost, and the President.
3. Reviews and recommends changes in policies on admission, transfer credit, residency requirements, and degree completion to the Dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, the University Provost, and the President.
4. Reviews the Final Report of Academic Program Reviews and make recommendations to the Dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, the University Provost, and the President.
5. Reviews proposals for new courses, program tracks or emphases, and certificate programs and makes recommendations to the Dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies, the University Provost, and the President.

Two new items will be added:

6. Reviews and recommends changes to the university catalog specifically pertaining to the ACU Dallas campus in regard to (1) general requirements for graduation including course requirements that are common to all majors for all degrees; (2) admissions requirements; (3) policies governing academic probation and suspension; and (4) requirements for graduating with honors. Approval of any such recommendation shall be made by a majority vote of the CGPS Academic Council members who are also full-time faculty members.
7. The CGPS Academic Council serves the faculty review function for the Dallas campus for any institutional curricular question that requires this step.

(All items subject to revision in the new edition of the handbook.)