

CHARTER OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Purposes of the Academic Affairs Committee

The Academic Affairs Committee (“Committee”) is a standing committee of The University of Nebraska Board of Regents established to provide strategic direction and oversight, make recommendations to the Board, and take action pursuant to delegated authority on matters relating to: 1) instruction, research, public service, and Extension; 2) student success, support and well-being; 3) academic programs, organizational units, and administrative units; 4) academic matters regarding students, faculty, and staff; and 5) compliance with laws, regulations, and policies related to academics.

- a. This Committee shall consider and report or recommend to the Board proposals for new academic programs and units and review and report to the Board on the review of existing academic programs and units that align with the University of Nebraska’s mission, strategic plan, and priorities.
- b. This Committee shall also consider and report or recommend to the Board on matters and policies relating to faculty, including but not limited to conditions affecting recruitment, appointment, apportionment, rank, tenure, and retention.
- c. This Committee shall assure that each administrative unit has the tools needed to continue the research endeavors pursuant to the University mission.
- d. This Committee will assist in overseeing the University’s compliance with laws, regulations, and policies applicable to academics, including instruction, research, Extension, public service, and tenure.

Duties and Responsibilities of the Committee

The following are the duties and responsibilities of the Committee:

Educational policy, academic structure, and organization - the Committee provides policy oversight of the academic and co-curricular activities of the University of Nebraska, aligned with the principles of shared governance and consistent with the University’s mission.

Student success, support and well-being – the Committee provides policy oversight of initiatives to support and enhance the experience of students, including reviewing and maintaining enrollment and admissions standards, access and affordability for undergraduate, graduate, academic and professional students.

Faculty personnel actions – review recommendations for hiring, promotion and tenure review where appropriate, and recommend actions for Board approval.

Accreditation – attend to issues related to institutional and programmatic accreditation.

University faculty and student rules – the Committee recommends approval of changes to Board of Regent Bylaws and Policy concerning faculty recruitment, hiring, retention, and training as well as to those rules and regulations relating to student conduct and academic and extracurricular programs.

Conferring of degrees, and certificates – the Committee recommends the approval of degrees and certificates to the Board of Regents for approval and conferring.

Compliance Oversight – the committee monitors compliance with laws, regulations, and policies associated with academics, including instruction, research, Extension, public service, and tenure. This includes updates on University systems and processes designed to ensure compliance, updates from management and the General Counsel regarding compliance, and any major investigations or claims associated with academic compliance.

Meetings

The Committee shall generally meet in a cadence designed to facilitate the business of the full Board, and at such other times and places as it deems necessary to carry out its responsibilities.

The Committee shall report to the Board as required.

Quorum

The quorum for the academic affairs committee will be a majority (4) of the members (6).

Composition of the Committee

Members of the Committee shall consist of four (4) current Regents, appointed by the Chairperson following each annual meeting, and two (2) Student Regents appointed at the start of the Student Regent term. The two Student Regents shall be those not serving on Business and Finance Committee. Each member shall serve the remainder of the year on the Committee, with the Student Regents serving on the Committee for their full term.

Bylaws

The provisions of this charter are intended to comport with the Bylaws of the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska. To the extent that these provisions conflict, the University Bylaws shall control.

Disclosure of Charter

This Charter shall be made available on the University's website.

Amendment

Any amendment or other modifications of this charter shall be made and approved by the Board of Regents.

Approved and Adopted June 19, 2025