

Councils, Committees, Commissions

The President and the appropriate Vice President are 'ex-officio' members of all councils and committees.

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PLANNING COUNCIL - Purpose: Serves as the comprehensive review, assessment, and planning Council for Louisiana Tech University. The Council is chaired by the President, and the membership includes administrators representing all areas of the University. **Members:** Daniel Reneau (Chair), Jo Ann Dauzat, Jerry Drewett, John Emery, Pamela Ford, Jean Hall, Wiley Hilburn, Edward Jacobs, Jim King, Terry McConathy, Jim Oakes, Ken Rea, Shirley Reagan, Joe Thomas, Chair of the University Senate, and Student Government Association President.

Administrative Review Board - Purpose: Hears only appeals from recommendations of the Behavioral Standards Committee, and is vested with appellate jurisdiction only. **Members:** Vice President for Student Affairs (Chair), Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the College in which the student is registered.

ADA Council - Purpose: Established to review issues relative to compliance with the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, to forward recommendations to the appropriate administrative level, and to serve as a grievance review board for appeals. **Members:** Margaret Alexander (Chair), Jan Albritton, Don Dyson, John Garner, Maribel McKinney, Frank Puckett, Sam Wallace.

Astronomy Advisory Committee - Purpose: Oversees astronomical observing activities and serves in an advisory role to the planetarium at Louisiana Tech University. The Committee arranges star parties and observation of interesting astronomical events such as eclipses and comets, and is available to serve as a source of information. Also aids in improving the equipment at the planetarium. **Members:** Norman Witriol (Chair), William Deese, Tom Emory, Natalia Zotov.

Athletics Council - Purpose: Reviews intercollegiate athletic programs and activities and makes recommendations to the President for his consideration. Athletics Council members are appointed by the President. **Members:** James Liberatos (Chair), Robert Berguson, Mertrude Douglas, Sean Dwyer, Jim Dyer, Marvin Green, Wiley Hilburn, Terry McConathy, Ken Rea, Sam Speed, Mary Belle Tuten, Milton Williams, Student Representative, Athletic Director (non-voting).

Behavioral Standards Committee - Purpose: Serves as the disciplinary agent of the University in cases referred to it by the Vice President for Student Affairs or his representative. The Committee has appellate jurisdiction by a student from an adverse decision of the Vice President for Student Affairs which directly affects the complainant in his individual capacity. **Members:** The Committee members shall be selected from a roster

composed from the following: twelve faculty members appointed by the Vice-President for Academic Affairs; twelve staff members appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs, six SGA upperclassmen and six underclassmen appointed by the President of the University, and four chairpersons appointed by the Vice President for Student and Alumni Affairs. Four rotating committees, composed of faculty, staff, students and a chairperson, meet to hear discipline cases involving students.

Campus Computing Services Coordinating Committee - Purpose: Assess the campus needs for computing services and assign priorities to those needs. **Members:** Mel Corley (Chair), Brian Camp, Tom Emory, Peter Gallagher, Chris Henderson, Kathleen Johnston, Jim King, Pam Milstead, Mike Page, Bala Ramachandran, Gerald Reeves, Roy Waters, Sam Wallace, Dena Westerfield.

Commencement Committee - Purpose: Reviews activities associated with the graduation ceremony and make appropriate recommendations to the President. **Members:** Bob Vento (Chair), Eddie Blick, William Deese, Margaret Dunn, Les Guice, Jim Robken, Tommy Sisemore, Lillian Wilson, Chris Walsh, Jimmy Washington.

Council of Academic Deans - Purpose: Coordinates academic programs and policies for the University. The Council considers actions taken by the Instructional Policies Committee and the Graduate Council. Recommendations of the Council of Academic Deans are forwarded to the President for consideration and final approval. **Members:** Vice President for Academic Affairs (Chair), Deans of each academic college, Dean of the Graduate School, and the Dean of Enrollment Management.

Curricula Effectiveness Council - Purpose: Established as a strategic initiative to formulate a plan to evaluate curricula to ensure effectiveness in the development of identified skills. **Members:** Jo Ann Dauzat (Chair), Gary Hauser, Donald Kaczvinsky, Delene Lautigar, Tom Means, Cheryl Myers, Randall Parker, Linda Ramsey, Steve Rovnyak, Martha Sale, Tom Springer.

Electronic Learning Committee - Purpose: Direction and oversight for the University's utilization of electronic delivery opportunities for instruction. **Members:** David Cargill (Chair), Nancy Alexander, Pamela Ford, James Liberatos, Dennis Minor, James Nelson, Dale Johnson, Bob Venta, and Elizabeth Wibker.

Equipment Donations Committee - Purpose: Reviews all proposed equipment donations to any part of the University (including the Foundation). **Members:** Debbie Forney, Les Guice, Ed Jacobs, and Jim King.

Faculty and Staff Handbook Committee - Purpose: Charged with the timely review of and suggested revisions prior to the annual printing of the Faculty and Staff Handbook. Recommendations are forwarded for

review and approval to appropriate administrators and councils. Committee membership consists of a faculty member from each academic college and administrative representatives from the Offices of Academic Affairs and Personnel. Members: Bill Campbell (Chair), Margaret Alexander, Philip Castille, Bill Deese, Don Dyson, Kathryn Mathew, Janet Pope, Joe Pullis.

Fee Committee - Purpose: Serves to review proposals regarding university fees and to make recommendations regarding fees to the President and the University of Louisiana System, as appropriate. Members: Vice President for Academic Affairs; Vice President for Student Affairs; Vice President for University Advancement, Vice Chairperson, University Senate; Assistant Vice President for Administrative Services/Business Manager; SGA President.

General Education Requirements Committee - Purpose: Assess the effectiveness of the General Education Requirements as mandated by the Board of Regents and to forward recommendations relative to Tech's General Education Requirements as appropriate. Members: Dennis Minor (Chair), Jenna Carpenter, Jo Ann Dauzat, Stan Napper, Ed Pinkston, Mary Belle Tuten, James Spaulding, Lori Theis.

Graduate Council - Purpose: Reviews and recommends proposals for graduate courses and curricula, and may initiate or consider recommendations concerning instructional policies of the Graduate School. Members: Terry McConathy (Chair), John Brewer, William Campbell, Gail Clark, Dianne Douglas, Sean Dwyer, Hisham Hegab, Alice Hunt, Dale Johnson, Gene Johnson, Dennis Minor, Peggy Schenk, Kody Vazhramyan, Bob Vento, and SGA Representative.

Grievance Committee - Purpose: Provides for an independent body to consider the grievances of faculty and other unclassified personnel. This committee is composed of nine selected/elected members and a chairperson appointed by the President. The Executive Committee of the University Senate shall select six members (one from each college) to serve on the University Grievance Committee. Each division (including Student Affairs, University Advancement, Academic Affairs and Administrative Affairs) shall elect one member each to serve on the University Grievance Committee. Only non-classified staff personnel may be elected to represent the divisions. Members: Joe Pullis (Chair), Dickie Crawford, Mike DiCarlo, Kenneth Griswold, Glynn Ingram, James G. Johnston, William Jordan, Mary Margaret Livingston, E. J. Miller, Sam Wallace.

Health Science Advisory Committee - Purpose: Addresses collective issues relating to health care education and serves in an advisory capacity to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Members: Associate Dean of Applied & Natural Sciences (Chair), Representatives of the Departments of Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences, Biomedical Engineering, Chemistry, Health and Physical Education, Health Information Management, Directors of programs in Nursing, Nutrition and Dietetics, and Speech.

Honors Program Council - Purpose: Develops and governs the Honors Program in conjunction with the Director of the Honors Program. Members: Donald Kaczvinsky (Chair), Jan Albritton, William Deese, Edward Jacobs, Tom Means, Tom Springer, Stephen Webre.

Human Use Committee - Purpose: Ensures that the University follows the regulations for the protection of human research subjects as set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services. All research projects involving human subjects, both sponsored and non-sponsored projects, must be reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board for Use of Human Research Subjects before the research project is initiated as well as periodically during the conduct of the research project. Members: James Green (Chair), Tommy Grafton, Paul Hale, Deby Hamm, Ned Head, Alice Hunt, Mary Livingston, Dan Martin, Terry McConathy, David Mills, Thomas Phillips, Florence Potter.

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee - Purpose: Oversees the welfare of any animals used in experimental research, their care and facilities, as directed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the National Institutes of Health. Members: James Spaulding (Chair), William Green, Steven Jones, Terry McConathy, Dennis Minor, Tom Springer, Jerome Thelen.

Instructional Innovation Committee - Purpose: Established in 1985 with the responsibility to enhance communications among faculty about campus instructional technology capabilities and about experimentation with instructional techniques and to schedule development programs to meet identified needs of the faculty. Members: Stephen Webre (Chair), David Cargill, Bill Deese, David Hall, Sue Huth, Pam Milstead, Dannie Minor, Linda Ramsey, Rebecca Stenzel, Jeffrey Walczyk.

Instructional Policies Committee - Purpose: Considers problems of college life in the areas of courses, curricula, and instruction in undergraduate studies. Also, serves as an instrument of control to avoid course duplication and proliferation. Members: Chairperson elected each September. Two representatives from each academic college, one representative from the library and Barksdale, a student representative from the SGA, and the Registrar as an ex-officio member.

Insurance and Related Benefits Committee - Purpose: Periodically reviews and makes recommendations to the President regarding new benefit programs and changes to existing plans in order to keep the University's fringe benefit program competitive. This Committee is designated as the plan administrator for the University's Cafeteria (Section 125) Plan. Members: Don Dyson (Chair), Dwight Anderson, Jerry Drawatt, Jean Hall, Ken Rea, Joe Thomas.

Intellectual Property Committee - Purpose: Oversight of intellectual property, policies, and procedures for the University. Members: Director for Economic Development & Technology Assessment (Chair), Terry McConathy (ex

officio), Jean Hall (ex officio), Paul Hafe, Marc Chopin, Dale Johnson, William Campbell, Dennis Minor.

Library Advisory Committee - Purpose: Studies library needs in view of the academic program and advises the Director of Libraries on matters of general library policy, the development of library resources, and upon means which may integrate the library program with other academic activities of the University. The Committee serves as a liaison group between the faculty and the Library. **Members:** John Barkulas, Bonnie Hackes, Judy Irvin, Bonnie Johnson, Robert Jungman, Dennis Minor, Paul Ramsey, Roger Shelor, Rebecca Stenzel, Adrian Thomas, Gary Zumwalt, one undergraduate and one graduate student.

Museum Committee - Purpose: Establishes policies and guidelines for the operation of the Museum. Aids the Director and Associate Director in obtaining artifacts for the Museum. **Members:** Wade Meade (Chair), James Christian, Jonathan Donehoo, Sallie Rose Hollis, Joan Marie Edinger, Linda Reneau, Gary Zumwalt.

Oversight Committee - Purpose: Identifies prospective grant opportunities, provides assistance in the development of joint proposals, provides final approval on all matters affecting jointly developed projects and to report to college administrators progress on all on-going joint projects between two or more colleges. **Members:** Carolyn Talton (Chair), Nancy Alexander, Jenna Carpenter, Jo Ann Dausat, William Deese, Janie Humphries, Linda Ramsey.

Parking and Traffic Committee - Purpose: Responsible for the establishment and annual review of the parking and traffic regulations as set forth in the University "Vehicle Regulations Manual." This committee is also charged with reviewing appeals, proposals, and recommendations submitted by members of the University community pertaining to parking and traffic concerns. **Members:** Vice President for Student Affairs or his designee (Chair), Chief of University Police, representative from the Physical Plant, one representative from each of the five academic colleges, two members of the Student Government Association appointed by the SGA President, one student Housing Representative and a University Senate representative.

Premedical/Predental Advisory Committee - Purpose: Advises Premedical and Predental students, conducts personal interviews of applicants to medical and dental school and prepares recommendations for these applicants. **Members:** Larry Sellers (Chair), Ed Griswold, Alice Hunt, Sue Huth, James Liberatos, David Mills, Stanley Napper, Dale Snow, James Spaulding.

Radiation Committee - Purpose: Supervises the use of all radiation sources on Louisiana Tech property with the aim of providing maximum protection to all personnel directly or indirectly involved. **Members:** Ronald Thompson (Chair), Dick Greenwood, Kenneth Griswold, Bonnie Hackes, student representative.

Research Council - Purpose: Coordinates the research activities of the University, strengthens interdisciplinary

and inter-institutional research, serves as a vehicle for discussion of problems involving the administration of research projects and grants, recommends to the University administration policies concerning research and other sponsored programs, and fosters, stimulates, and advances the research effort of the University. **Members:** Terry McConathy (Chair), William Campbell, Mike DiCarlo, Carla Howell, Dale Johnson, Gene Johnson, Dennis Minor, Jan Sims, Bonita Smith, Kody Varahramyan, and SGA representative.

Space Utilization Committee - Purpose: Ensures that all campus space is usable by all members of the campus community who can justify its use in total consideration of the nature of the space. **Members:** Vice President for Academic Affairs, Assistant Vice President for Administrative Affairs/Business Manager, and Vice President for Student Affairs.

Student Organizations Committee - Purpose: Serves as the governing committee for all matters involving student organizations. **Members:** Faculty/Staff member appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs, Faculty Senate Representative, Interfraternity Council President, Panhellenic President, Student Government Association President, University Staff Member appointed by the Vice President for Student Affairs, Chief of University Police, IFC Advisor, Panhellenic Advisor, Director of Multicultural Affairs, Union Board President.

Student Self-Assessed Fees Oversight Committee - Purpose: Monitors and evaluates the need for student self-assessed fees. **Members:** One student representing the SGA, one student representing the Union Board, one student representing KLPI, one student representing Multicultural Affairs, one graduate student representing Housing Operations, two faculty members appointed by the President, one staff person representing the Vice President for Financial Services/Comptroller, two staff persons representing the Vice President for Student Affairs, two ex-officio members, Chief Business Affairs officer and Chief Student Affairs officer.

Student Technology Fee Board - Purpose: Serves as the final recommending body for expenditures from the Student Technology Fee. **Members:** President Daniel D. Reneau (Chair), SGA President, Senior Class President, Junior Class President, Sophomore Class President, Freshman Class President, Mel Corley, Jim King (ex-officio), Kathy Matthew, Terry McConathy, Joe Thomas, Roy Waters.

University Assessment Committee - Purpose: To review unit reports and develop a summary report and feedback for the Administrative Planning Council. **Members:** Terry McConathy (Chair), Marc Chopin, Pamela Ford, Les Guice, James Liberatos, Maribel McKinney, Dennis Minor, Tom Springer, Sam Wallace, Student Representative.

University Catalog Committee - Purpose: Charged with the responsibility to review the catalog to insure accuracy of approved policies and procedures prior to printing. **Members:** Bob Vento (Chair), Elizabeth Wibker, Pamela Ford, Wanda Ginn, James Liberatos, Jim Nelson, Lori Theis, Bob Toburen, Sam Wallace.

University Computing Policy and Planning Council - Purpose: Makes final decisions concerning the allocation of computer related resources for the University. **Members:** Dan Reneau (Chair), Jerry Drewett, Jim King, Terry McConathy, Ken Rea, Joe Thomas.

University Health Council - Purpose: Coordinates efforts of university personnel in affecting student and staff decision making in the areas of health concerns. Specifically, the Council implements strategies for integration of health services information; assesses and recommends, where appropriate educational programming; and attempts to identify information generated by faculty and staff on health issues. **Members:** A representative is appointed from each of the academic colleges, the department/schools of Health and Physical Education, Nursing, Athletics, Health Center, Food Services, Residential Life, Personnel and Student Services. Two student representatives also serve on the Council.

University Safety Committee - Purpose: Reviews and recommends the adoption of University safety standards. The Committee works through safety representatives to inform departments of new procedures and to assist in the implementation of safety regulations. **Members:** Environmental Safety Officer (Chair), Director of Nuclear Center, Director of Physical Plant, Director of Personnel, Department Head of Department of Chemistry, Department Head of Department of Biological Sciences or Associate Dean, College of Applied and Natural Sciences, Director of University Housing, Chief of University Police, Head of Division of Nursing.

University Senate - Purpose: Promotes the general welfare of the University; discusses and expresses views on matters of general concern to the faculty; effectively communicates between the faculty and the administration; initiates policy proposals; makes recommendations on policy proposals submitted to it by the administrative officials of the University; and requests, through appropriate channels, from the administrative officials of the University, information which might influence policies and recommendations of the Senate. **Members:** The membership includes elected representatives from the Faculty who are employed full time and professional personnel engaged in Specialized Academic Services. Members shall serve for a term of three years.

University Sexual Harassment Committee - Purpose: Hears and considers testimony and other relevant evidence to make findings of fact, to determine whether the University's policy on sexual harassment has been violated, and if so to recommend appropriate relief and disciplinary action(s). **Members:** James M. King and Carolyn Taiton (Co-chairpersons), Connie Acklin, John Adams, Dwight Anderson, Patrick Crowder, John Garner, Carrie Kelly, Stan Napper, Carole Tabor, and Liz White.

University Tenured Faculty Committee - Purpose: Provides due process according to the Handbook in cases involving action taken by the University which could result in the discharge, termination of contract, or demotion in rank of a tenured faculty member. **Members:**

Peter Jones (Chair), Phillip Cook, Susan Corley, Jim Lowther, Linda Sivils, Jerome Tobacyk, Liz White, University Senate President, University Senate Vice President.

University Tour Committee - Purpose: Ensures that any tour recommended by the University falls within the mission of the University, that is, teaching, research and public service. **Members:** Jerry Drewett, Steve Rodakis, Ronnie Wiggins, and Student Government Association President.