

Faculty Senate

2 yr. term, meets 2:30-4 on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month in the long semesters.

Must be a member of the Faculty Assembly (TT/T or lecturer).

Senators serve as representatives of their department faculty and may be asked to poll their faculty on key issues and vote on their behalf on the Senate. In addition, it is advisable that senators report to their faculty about the proceedings of the Senate and carry forth any issues their faculty consider important.

Department-Elected Committees (five total)

Grievance Committee

2 yr. term, meets as needed.

[PS 10.A.02](#): All members must have tenure. Two members per department. No more than two consecutive terms.

This committee is responsible for the review of faculty grievances based on questions of academic freedom, promotion, performance evaluation, salary, tenure, dismissal, non-reappointment, and materially adverse action.

AAC (Academic Affairs Council)

2 yr. term. Meets typically once a month, as needed.

Two T/TT from each college, but not from the same department.

The university academic affairs council is responsible for advising the president on all university policies that directly affect the academic environment. It is a voting body, which makes formal recommendations to the president on all policy matters having direct impact on the academic environment.

CCE (Committee on Credentials and Elections)

2 yr. term, meets as needed, especially in the spring semester.

One T/TT member from each department.

This committee runs elections to fill department-elected and Senate-elected committees, as well as positions for Faculty Senators and Officers.

Funded Faculty Leave

2 yr. term, meets as needed.

One T/TT member from each department.

This committee is responsible for the review and recommendation of faculty members for faculty development leave awards in the following academic year, as described in [PS 10.A.08](#).

Organized Research

2 yr. term, meets as needed.

One T/TT member from each department.

Every year the Organized Research Committee (ORC) of the University of Houston-Downtown offers small grants to support the research activities of tenured/tenure track faculty. The committee solicits grant applications during the fall semester.

Senate-Elected Shared Governance Committees (three total)

FAC (Faculty Affairs Committee)

2 yr. term, meets typically 11:30-1:30 Fridays, 2nd and 4th of each month.

Two faculty (typically T/TT) from each college, but not from the same department.

Reviews and recommends policies pertaining to faculty-related personnel and workload issues and any other matters affecting the professional lives of faculty members.

See [PS 01.A.03](#).

APC (Academic Policy Committee)

2 yr term, meets typically 11-1 Fridays, 1st and 3rd of each month.

Two faculty (typically T/TT) from each college, but not from the same department.

This committee is responsible for the review and recommendation of policies pertaining to academic standards and regulations.

See [PS 01.A.03](#).

Curriculum Committee (UCC)

2 yr. term, meets typically Fridays.

One faculty (typically T/TT) from each college.

Reviews and recommends policies pertaining to the development and approval of new courses, degree programs and other curriculum changes.

See [PS 01.A.03](#).