

As adopted by the Faculty Senate at its meeting on 4 May 2009

**RECOMMENDATION TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE STUDENT POLICIES
AND NON-ACADEMIC PROGRAM COMMITTEE TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TO THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS**

Proposal

The Student Policies and Non-academic Programs Committee proposes to change its name to the Advisory Committee to the Office of the Dean of Students. The committee reached this conclusion after considering the following three points: 1) the current name does not accurately reflect the role of the committee as an advisory council to the dean of students; 2) the current name does not resonate with students or faculty; and 3) a new name would help convey the function of the committee, which would assist in the recruitment and retention of committee members.

At the Student Policies and Non-Academic Program Committee meeting on March 11, 2009, the committee decided by unanimous vote to proceed with a name change. The proposed name more accurately reflects the operations of the committee and would be more appealing for prospective committee members.

Prior to any discussion about the name of the committee, members underwent a thorough review of the committee charge and the Office of the Dean of Students, the division with which the committee works most closely. During this review, the committee heard from representatives of each department within the division to gain a feeling of the operations of the division and the scope of the committee. Upon the completion of this review, committee members reached the conclusion that the committee's operations were not accurately reflected in the current name.

Below is the proposed revised text of *Faculty Policies and Procedures* 6.57.

6.57. ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS

A. MEMBERSHIP: The Advisory Committee to the Office of the Dean of Students shall consist of the following members:

1. Four faculty members appointed for terms of three years.
2. Four students.
3. Two academic staff members.
4. The dean of students, ex officio nonvoting.
5. A nonvoting representative of the administration appointed by the provost.

B. FUNCTIONS. The Advisory Committee to the Office of the Dean of Students advises the dean of students, the Faculty Senate and the administration on aspects of student life not part of the formal instructional program of the university. The committee:

1. Recommends, encourages and evaluates programs and policies that support a positive learning environment and student learning outside the formal instructional program.
2. Recommends, encourages and evaluates programs and policies regarding the student social environment including issues of conduct, health and safety, harassment, and substance abuse.
3. Studies and makes recommendations regarding student academic and nonacademic misconduct and related policies, rules, and procedures. The committee does not hear or consider whether an existing policy or rule ought to be applied in any individual case.
4. Advises the dean of students on organization and priorities for programs under her/his direction.