

Academic Priorities Committee (APC)

1. Charge

The Academic Priorities Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the President concerning the general direction of academic programs.

- a. To make recommendations on the strategic allocations of academic resources for operational, instructional and research purposes.
- b. To review all major academic budgetary proposals prepared for submission to the University Resources committee.
- c. To review proposals to establish and/or renew departments, centers, programs, and institutes and make recommendations thereon for approval by the Faculty.
- d. To review proposals for new graduate degree programs and new undergraduate concentrations, in coordination with the Graduate Council and College Curriculum Council, so as to assess their impact on academic resources. The Academic Priorities Committee plays a consultative role, with final approval for graduate degree programs and undergraduate concentrations to be made by the Faculty and the College Curriculum Council, respectively.
- e. To supervise external reviews of and changes in the status of academic units and make recommendations thereon.
- f. To receive reports on appointments to named chairs and review policies for making such appointments.
- g. To review proposals for new university-level joint efforts with other institutions and make recommendations thereon to the President.
- h. It may itself also initiate proposals for the development of academic programs.
- i. To review policies on student admissions and aid that shape the composition of the University.

2. Membership

The membership of the Academic Priorities Committee shall consist of the Provost, the Dean of the Faculty, the Dean of Medicine and Biological Sciences, the Dean of the College, the Dean of the Graduate School, and the Vice President for Research and six tenured faculty members or senior lecturers of broad experience and scholarly distinction who are expected to serve the general interests of the University. Faculty members will serve staggered three-year terms. Chairs of academic divisions and departments are not eligible for service on the Committee. The Provost shall serve as Chair. The Vice-Chair shall be a faculty member chosen by the Committee.

3. Method of Election

Each year a ballot will be prepared with two positions with two faculty members per position. Candidates for each slate are to be chosen by the Committee on Nominations in consultation with the Provost after seeking nominations from the voting faculty. Candidates should be representative of the divisions of knowledge in the University and diversity in the Faculty. The candidate on each slate with the majority of the votes will serve on APC; the other candidate will serve as an alternate in the event of a protracted absence of the candidate with the majority of the votes.

4. Operations

The Academic Priorities Committee shall appoint such subcommittees as it sees fit for the performance of its charge. Proposals come to the committee in written form specified by the committee from clusters of faculty, programs, centers, and departments.