

Chapter 15. Academic Priorities Committee (APC)

The Academic Priorities Committee (APC) is responsible for making recommendations to the President concerning the general direction of academic programs. APC makes recommendations on the strategic allocations of academic resources for operational, instructional and research purposes and the committee reviews all major academic budgetary proposals prepared for submission to the University Resources Committee. APC reviews proposals to establish and/or renew departments, centers, programs, and institutes and makes recommendations thereon for approval by the Faculty, and it supervises external reviews of and changes in the status of academic units and makes recommendations thereon. APC also reviews all proposals for new undergraduate concentrations and for new graduate degree programs. The committee receives reports on appointments to named chairs and reviews policies for making such appointments, as well as reviews proposals for new university-level joint efforts with other institutions and makes recommendations thereon to the President.

The membership of the Academic Priorities Committee consists of the Provost, the Dean of the Faculty, the Dean of Medicine and Biological Sciences, the Dean of Public Health, the Dean of the College, the Dean of the Graduate School, the Vice President for Research, the University Librarian, 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 serve staggered three-year terms. Chairs of academic divisions and departments are not eligible for service on the Committee. The Provost serves as Chair. The Vice-Chair is a faculty member chosen by the Committee. The full charge of the committee and its operations are stated in the *Faculty Rules and Regulations*.