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# **Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee Terms of Reference**

# **1.0 Responsibilities**

- Bring to Faculty Council for approval:
  - Student promotion
  - Student graduation
  - Student assessment and evaluation
  - Student readmission
- Bring to Faculty Council for information:
  - Curriculum changes for both programs from the Division Committees
- Approve recommendations from:
  - The Undergraduate Admissions Subcommittee
  - The Undergraduate Scholarships and Awards Subcommittee
- Ensure the College of Pharmacy & Nutrition Faculty Council has adequate and appropriate policies for student promotion, graduation, assessment, and examination
- Ensure undergraduate students are treated fairly and in accordance with established policies in the decisions concerning student standing in the program, promotion, graduation, and assessment/examination
- Make decisions on readmission applications of students who discontinued as a result of their failures to meet the requirement for promotion and desire to return to the program after a minimum of one year.
  - The committee will do so in accordance with University and College policies
- Establish working groups as needed to support the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee
- Develop and review policies and procedures for the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee

# 2.0 Accountability

• The Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee is accountable to Faculty Council through the existing reporting structure

# 3.0 Members

- Voting:
  - Associate Dean, Academic (Chair and Permanent member)
  - o One Faculty Council member of the Division of Pharmacy
  - o One Faculty Council member of the Division of Nutrition and Dietetics
  - o Three Faculty Council members from either division
  - o One Pharmacy undergraduate student
  - o One Nutrition undergraduate student
  - Administrative Officer, Undergraduate Affairs (Permanent member)
- Non-Voting:
  - o Undergraduate Admissions and Programs Secretary (Permanent member)

# 4.0 Roles and Responsibilities

# 4.1 Chair

• Provide leadership and oversight to the Undergraduate Academic Affairs committee as well as priority setting and direction



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- Chair meetings
- Determine the agendas; review meeting notes
- Review and update Undergraduate Academic Affairs committee Terms of Reference as needed
- When chair is unavailable, another member will be appointed to act as chair

# 4.2 Members

- Provide agenda items to the chair in advance of scheduled meetings
- Participate in the drafting reviewing, and revising of policies and procedures for student promotion, graduation, assessment, and examination
- Direct the work of specific working group(s) as needed and as assigned
- Administrative Officer, Undergraduate Affairs arranges committee meetings and assists the chair in preparation and distribution of meeting materials and agenda
- Administrative Officer, Undergraduate Affairs will track and record student admission case decisions that can potentially impact precedence and policy decisions

### 5.0 Term

- Faculty Council members: three years, staggered appointments
- Student member: two years, staggered appointments

### 6.0 Working Groups

- Develop working groups as needed
- An Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee member provides oversight and direction to any working group

# 7.0 Meeting Schedule

• Minimum two times per year or when called by the chair

#### 8.0 Notes

- Meeting notes shall be kept on file with the Executive Assistant to the Dean
- Meeting notes shall be available to all committee members
- Any information deemed to be confidential in nature (i.e. individual health or personal issues) shall be handled and stored in a secure manner
- Request to review meeting notes can be made to the Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee
- Confidential information recorded during meetings shall be kept with the Executive Assistant to the Dean

# 9.0 Reporting

- The committee reports to Faculty Council
- Written report provided to the Faculty Council meeting in May and October

# 10.0 Review and Amendment of Terms of Reference

- Review the Terms of Reference once every 12 months
- Amendments may occur at any time by consensus of the chair and members to be approved by Faculty Council



• Changes to TOR's and procedures to be submitted to the Governance Committee for review

### 11.0 Subcommittees

- Undergraduate Scholarships and Awards,
- Undergraduate Academic Misconduct,
- Undergraduate Admissions, and
- Accommodations Planning Subcommittee

### 12.0 Principles

Consistent with the University of Saskatchewan policies on "Admission to Degree Programs" and "Student Appeals of Evaluation, Grading and Academic Standing," the principles that govern the committee's work include:

- Justice and Fairness: All rules, regulations and procedures regarding students must embody the principles of procedural fairness
- Learning as a Shared Responsibility: As described in the University's Learning Charter, learning requires the active commitment of students, instructors, and the institution, and depends on each party fulfilling its role in the learning partnership
- **Quality:** The University of Saskatchewan will recruit and admit students who have demonstrated commitment to learning and have the potential to successfully complete the academic requirement of the program
- **Mutual Respect and Diversity:** The University of Saskatchewan values diversity and is committed to promoting a culture of mutual respect and inclusiveness on campus
- **Confidentiality:** Committee members are prohibited from disclosing any student information received through participation in the Committee, including information received orally or in writing
- **Conflict of Interest:** A Committee member shall apply the highest ethical standards to avoid actual or perceived conflicts of interest or conflict of commitment in fulfilling his or her responsibilities