AN INTRODUCTION TO
THE UCLA ACADEMIC SENATE

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Chair
UCLA Academic Senate
What is the Academic Senate?

- Vehicle through which University of California faculty share in the operation and management of the University

Who are Senate members?

- Ladder-rank ("tenured or tenure-track" faculty
- Deans, Provosts, Chancellors, President

STANDING ORDER of the REGENTS 105.1 Organization of the Academic Senate
UC Shared Governance

- Distinctive element of the University of California system
- Codified by UC Regents in 1920
- Recognizes that faculty are the drivers of the university
- Allows faculty, through the Academic Senate, to participate and share in the governance of the university
What are faculty responsible for?

- Setting admissions criteria
- Authorizing, approving and supervising all courses, curricula, and academic programs
- Determining degree requirements
- Advising the administration on faculty appointments and promotions
- Advising the administration on budget and financial planning

STANDING ORDER 105.2 Duties, Powers, and Privileges of the Academic Senate
UC Board of Regents

Chair
Systemwide Academic Senate

Academic Council
10 Divisional Senates
Academic Assembly

UC President
Council of Chancellors for 10 Campuses
The Academic Senate at UCLA is divided into two main branches: the Senate and the Administration.

**Senate**
- Parliamentary
- Principal oversight of Teaching, Research/Scholarship, Service
- Advises Chancellor on campus budgets and strategic planning
- Assesses faculty accomplishments, rights
- Collaborates with Chancellor and other administrators

**Administration**
- Executive
- Create and sustain a facilitative infrastructure
- Finances: Budget, Merit Increases/Raises, Spending, Accountability
- Hiring, promotions, firing
- Collaborates with Senate Chair and Senate bodies/committees
Senate Councils and Committees

http://www.senate.ucla.edu/committees/
Teaching/Education

- Committee on Undergraduate Admission and Relations with Schools (CUARS)
- Undergraduate Council (UgC)
- Graduate Council (GC)
- Committee on Teaching (COT)
- Comm. on International Education (CIE)
- Intercollegiate Athletics Comm. (IAC)
Research/Scholarship

- Council on Academic Personnel (CAP)
- Council on Research (COR)
- Faculty Research Lectureship (FRL)
- Committee on Library & Scholarly Communication (COLASC)
Service/Outreach

- Committee on Committees (ConC)
- Committee on Continuing and Community Education (CCCE)
- Additionally CIE, CUARS, ...
Budget Planning & Resources

- Council on Planning and Budget (CPB)
- Committee on Development (COD)
Faculty Interests and Rights

- Grievance Advisory Committee (GAC)
- Committee on Charges
- Committee on Privilege and Tenure (P&T)
- Committee on Academic Freedom (AF)
- Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction (R&J)
- Faculty Welfare Committee (FWC)
- Committee on Diversity and Equal Opportunity (CODEO)
- University Emeriti and Pre-Retirement Relations Committee (UEPRRC)
UCLA has a tripartite mission:

- Teaching
- Research and Scholarly Endeavors
- Service
• Shared governance brings with it the responsibility of contributing to the community.

• Through involvement with the Senate, faculty become part of the larger community and have the opportunity to learn, serve, and lead.

• *Faculty must participate in the discussions and analyses that will determine the University’s future.*
For more information on the UCLA Academic Senate:

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