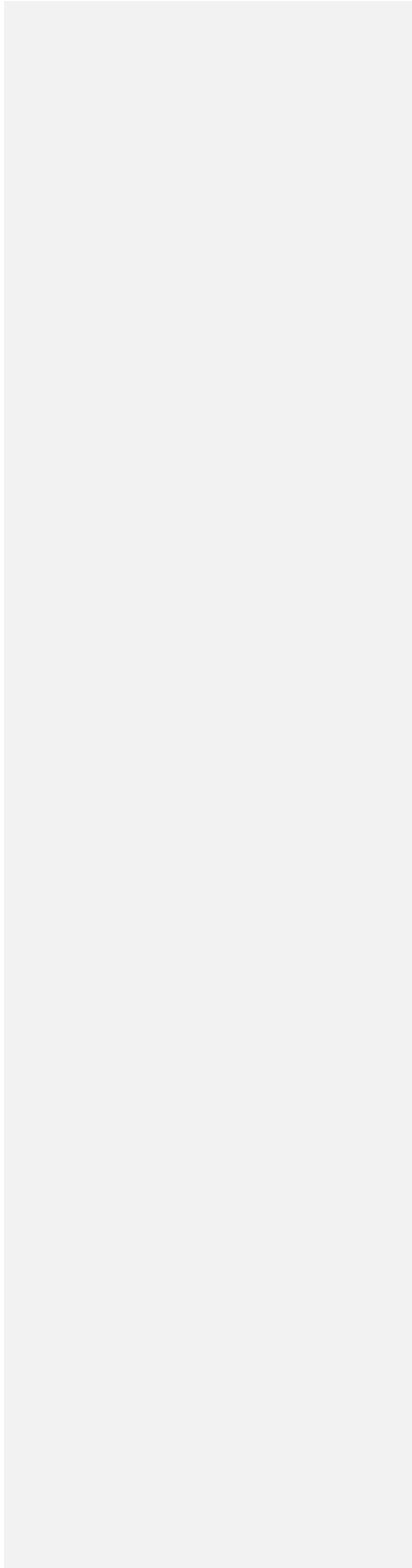
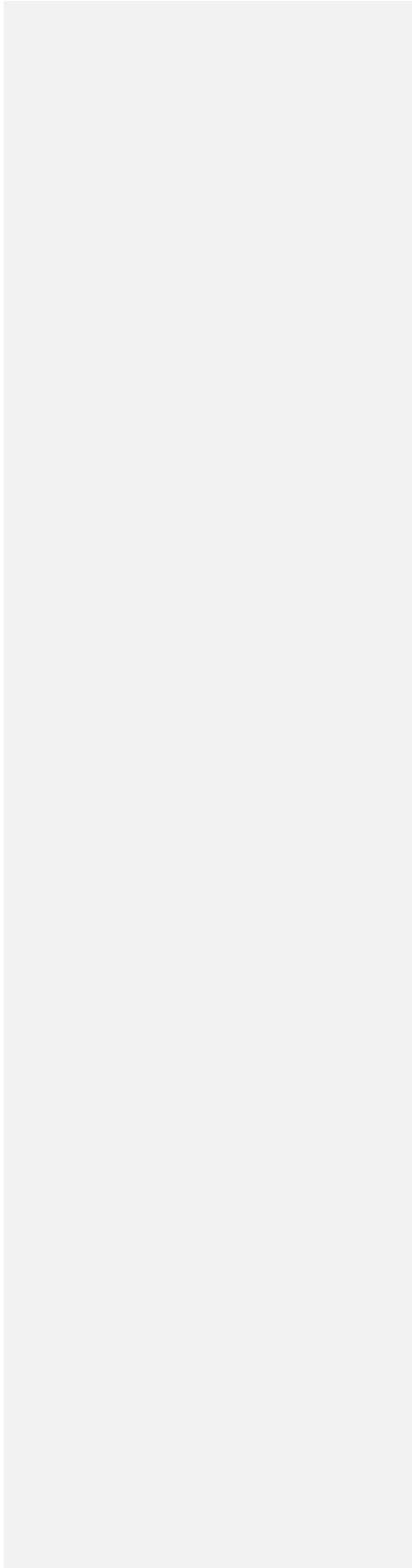


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~~Shared Governance~~



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6. SHARED GOVERNANCE

The Board of Trustees of [The University of Alabama](#) entrusts university administrators, faculty, staff, and students with ~~responsibilities~~responsibilities for sharing in the governance of the university. The responsibilities of ~~the~~The Board of Trustees and university administrators are delineated elsewhere in this ~~handbook.~~

Handbook.

6.1. Faculty Participation in Shared Governance

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~~6.1 Faculty Participation in Shared Governance~~

Academic excellence is essential to the successful performance of ~~UAH's~~the university's educational mission. Such excellence is achieved in an environment of mutual ~~confidence~~confidence, collegial ~~participation~~participation, effective leadership, and strong academic programs. To foster this environment, it is university policy that the faculty have the opportunity to participate in the selection, appointment, and performance evaluation of deans and department chairs, and that the advice of the faculty be actively and systematically sought.

Final authority over the selection and retention of deans rests with the Pprovost with the concurrence of the President, and ~~final~~final authority for the selection and retention of associate deans, assistant deans, and departmental chairs rests with the academic deans, with the concurrence of the Pprovost.

~~Prior to the appointment of deans~~

Unit and ~~chairs, the advice of the faculty is systematically obtained and considered.~~

Program~~program~~ direction, program and quality, ~~and the performance of deans, associate deans, assistant deans, and department chairs~~ are evaluated periodically and an important ~~consideration~~consideration in these evaluations is the views of the faculty.

~~Faculty review of administrative performance and program effectiveness is accomplished by conducting formal program reviews at least at five-year intervals, with the faculty also participating in the regular, ongoing evaluation of administrative leadership, program direction, and program quality.~~

6.2. Faculty Senate

The structure of the Faculty Senate of The University of Alabama in Huntsville, as well as its ~~relationship~~relationship to other university bodies, is set forth in the governance system

proposed on March 7, 1973, as adopted with amendments by the ~~president~~President of the university on April 3, 1973.

The authority of the Faculty Senate derives from the ~~office~~Office of the President of the university, ~~represents a long tradition of shared governance in a university setting,~~ and exists as a feature of the bond of mutual trust that serves as the basis for the general system of governance for the faculty, student body, and administration.

Senators are the voice of the faculty. The Faculty Senate is the permanent body representing the faculty for the formulation of university policy and procedures in matters pertaining to ~~institutional~~institutional purpose, general academic considerations, curricular matters, ~~research,~~ university ~~resources~~resources, and faculty personnel (appointments, promotion, and tenure). ~~Normally, issues~~issues of university governance affecting the faculty at large should go before the full Faculty Senate before ~~implementation.~~implementation. By-laws of the Faculty Senate are included in ~~Appendix L.~~ the relevant appendix.

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6.3. The Graduate Council

The Graduate Council is an elected body representing the graduate faculty. The Council ~~consists~~consists of the Dean of the School of Graduate Studies (non-voting, ~~ex-officio~~ex-officio chair), the Registrar (non-voting, ex-officio) and a number of ~~Full~~full members of the graduate faculty. ~~The representation by college on the Council is determined, as specified~~ as follows: each college with master's programs has two representatives, and, in addition, each college with doctoral programs has one additional representative. The term of an elected member is two years.

The Council examines new policies, procedural requirements, new graduate courses and ~~programs~~programs, graduate faculty appointments, student petitions, and other matters dealing with graduate studies. Matters dealing with academic policies and substantial changes in catalog are referred by the Graduate Council to the Council of Deans and Provost for approval before implementation.

Full members of the graduate faculty must demonstrate continuing interest in the graduate program, be actively engaged in research, and demonstrate scholarly achievement through contributions to their academic discipline. Nomination to the graduate faculty is made by the department chair and, when appropriate, program director. The nomination is forwarded through the appropriate college ~~Dean~~Dean to the Graduate Dean, who in turn forwards it to the Graduate Credentials Committee of the Graduate Council for recommendation. The Graduate Dean makes the appointment.

Details of the operation of the graduate program are contained in the *Graduate School*

~~Handbook.~~

Handbook.

6.4. Staff Senate

The Staff Senate is a representative body of eligible staff. Its purpose and charge are to serve an auxiliary, advisory function to the administration in the area of staff personnel matters and to do so in a positive and constructive way. The Staff Senate provides a forum for the exchange of ideas, a resource for evaluating proposals, and a mechanism for expressing suggestions and concerns. In carrying out its role, it works to promote better understanding, cooperation, and communication within the campus community for the ~~benefit~~benefit and betterment of all.

The Staff Senate is composed of elected members from the staff employees of the university. Its ~~officers~~officers are elected by the staff senate from its membership. ~~The vice president for finance and administration serves as an ex-officio, nonvoting member.~~ Rules of procedure, ~~membership~~membership, election of members, and committee structure are described in the Staff Senate Bylaws, which are available in the ~~office~~Office of the Vice President for Finance and Administration.

6.5. Student Government Association

The Student Government Association (SGA) is composed of all students enrolled at UAH. ~~An executive branch and an elected legislature are responsible for conducting the business of the association. The president and the vice president for student affairs serve as ex-officio members of the SGA Executive Committee.~~

the university. The SGA promotes the welfare of students in all areas of university life. Its primary ~~purpose~~purpose is to help improve the educational environment, including promoting

academic innovation and working closely with faculty and administrators to bring about desirable changes in ~~institutional~~institutional policies. It establishes budgets for funds allocated to it and establishes and governs clubs and other student organizations. The SGA is also responsible for developing and ~~sponsoring~~sponsoring programs to enhance the cultural, intellectual, and social life of students.

Rules of procedure, membership, elections, and committee structure are described in the ~~Student~~Student Government Association Bylaws, copies of which are maintained in the ~~office~~Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

6.6. Boards, Councils and Committees

To ~~fulfill~~fulfill responsibilities of shared governance, members of the university ~~establishes collaborative~~may establish collaborative bodies known as boards, ~~councils~~ or committees that are charged with performing ~~specific~~specific duties requiring student, faculty, staff, and administration involvement. In addition, the administration establishes its own collaborative bodies known as councils. When a council is established, the administration describes its purpose, membership, duties and responsibilities. Boards, ~~councils~~councils, and committees are advisory. These bodies change from time to time and current ~~information~~information is maintained by the ~~office~~Office of the President.

University committees consist of members of the faculty, ~~the~~ administration, ~~and the~~ staff and students, ~~unless~~Unless otherwise stated, faculty members are selected by (but not necessarily from) the Faculty Senate, ~~and are at least equal in number to the administration and staff representation on each committee~~. All ex ~~office~~office members shall be ~~clarified~~clarified and designated. Ex ~~office~~office members shall not vote, except for those ex ~~office~~office members who are committee chairs who may vote only to break ties. In cases where this ex ~~office~~office member serves as chairperson, members of the committee shall select a faculty member to serve as co-chairperson. If the ex ~~office~~office member calls a meeting but cannot attend, then the co-chair will preside. Where Faculty Senate ~~committees~~committees and university committees share common purposes, functions, or charges, members of the Faculty Senate committees are voting members of corresponding university committees. Where required by the nature of the committee's function, university committee structures must ~~reflect~~reflect unit representation, including the Library. University committees meet at least once a semester. Any member of the committee may call a meeting. Committees will issue a written report to their administrative liaison and to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee each ~~semester~~Semester, after meeting. Terms of membership are for two years unless otherwise noted, with ~~arrangements~~arrangements made for staggered terms. The details of procedures are issues that each ~~committee~~committee determines.

The administrator through whom a university committee reports, a nonvoting ex ~~office~~office member of that committee, may initiate calls for committee meetings. Unless otherwise ~~specified~~specified, the chair of each university committee is elected from those members of the committee who are not ex ~~office~~office. The retiring chair is responsible for organizing and conducting the ~~first~~first meeting of the committee, including the election of the new chair.

6.6.1. Boards, Councils, and Committees Reporting Through An Administrative Liaison

The chart below ~~identifies~~identifies current boards, councils, and committees and their administrative reporting relationships.

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[Animal Care and Use Committee](#)
[Bookstore Advisory Committee](#)
[Campus Planning Committee](#)
[Charger Green Recycling Committee](#)
[Employee Benefits Committee](#)
[Environmental Health and Safety Committee](#)
[Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Committee](#)
[Faculty Appeals Committee](#)
[Faculty Senate](#)
Faculty Senate Committees
[Executive Committee](#)
[Faculty/Student Development Committee](#)
[Finance and Resources Committee](#)
[Governance and Operations Committee](#)
[Personnel Committee](#)
[Undergraduate Curriculum Committee](#)
[Undergraduate Scholastic Affairs Committee](#)
[Faculty/Staff Traffic Appeals Committee](#)
[Financial Aid Committee](#)
[Graduate Council](#)
[Honorary Degrees and Naming Committee](#)
[Honors Council](#)
[Intercollegiate Athletic Committee](#)
[Library Committee](#)
[Student Affairs Advisory Board](#)
[Student Conduct Board](#)
[Title VI Diversity Advisory Committee](#)
[University Commencement Committee](#)
[University Review Board](#)
[Use of Human Subjects Committee](#)

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[Vice President for Research and Economic Development](#)
[Provost](#)
[Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration](#)
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Title	Administrative Liaison
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Advisory Committee Administrative Council Animal Care and Use Committee Campus Planning Committee Campus Priorities and Resources Committee

ADA

Title	Administrative Liaison
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Committee

Council of Deans Employee Benefits Benefits Committee Equal

Opportunity/Affirmative Action

Committee Executive Safety Advisory Committee Faculty Appeals Committee Faculty/Staff

Traffic Appeals Committee Financial Aid Committee General Liability Committee Graduate

Council Honorary Degrees Committee Information Services Users Advisory Committee

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mittee Intercollegiate Athletics Committee Library Committee Patents and Copyrights

Committee Publications Board Radiation Committee Research Council Student Affairs Advisory

Board Student Life Allocation Committee University Commencement Committee University

Judicial Board University Review Board Use of Human Subjects Committee

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President

President for Research Vice President for Finance and Admin. President Provost Vice

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Provost

Vice President for Finance and Admin.

President

Senior Vice President for Research President Vice President for Finance and Admin. Provost

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Vice President for Student Affairs

Athletic Director Provost

Senior Vice President for Research

Vice President for Student Affairs

Senior Dean of Students Vice President for Research

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Senior Dean of Students Provost Vice President for Research

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6.6.2. Ad Hoc Groups

Task forces, study groups, special advisory committees, and other such ad hoc groups formed to ~~address~~solve ~~specific~~specific ~~issues~~problems or receive assigned tasks are not ~~official~~official governance bodies of the university. All such bodies derive their authority from the boards, councils, committees, or ~~individuals~~individuals to whom they report. At the time of the formation of an ad hoc group, the appointing authority will put in writing the ~~specific~~specific charge and purpose of the group. All ad hoc ~~committees~~committees establish operating procedures by consensus of the membership, unless the appointing authority does so in advance of selecting membership. Ad hoc groups may not be appointed to perform the responsibilities of ~~official~~official boards, councils, or committees.