12.04.99.H1 Faculty Advisory Council

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Rule Summary

The Texas A&M University System (System) Board of Regents established a faculty advisory council (Council) at each System academic institution, effective November 1, 2025. These bodies serve in an advisory capacity to the president on matters directly related to the academic programs of the institution and function in compliance with Texas Education Code Section 51.3522. This document provides the specifics of its membership and responsibilities.

Procedures and Responsibilities

- 1. Membership of the Council
 - 1.1 All members of the Council must be full-time faculty members.
 - 1.2 To ensure adequate representation of each college and school, the membership must include two representatives from each college.
 - 1.2.1 One member per college will be appointed by the president
 - 1.2.2 One member per college will be elected by the faculty of the member's respective college.
 - 1.3 Members may be removed on recommendation of the Provost and approval by the President for:
 - 1.3.1 Failing to conduct the member's responsibilities within the Council's parameters,
 - 1.3.2 Failing to attend Council meetings, or
 - 1.3.3 Engaging in similar misconduct.
- 2. Roles and Responsibilities of the Council
 - 2.1 The Council is an advisory body only, providing the administration advice regarding the academic programs and general matters related to the mission of the university.
 - 2.2 The Council represents the entire faculty of the institution.
 - 2.3 The Council has no final decision-making authority on any matter, as outlined by TEC 51.3522(c).
- 3. Leadership and Term Limits
 - 3.1 For the purpose of this section, a year refers to an academic year running from the beginning of fall term to the end of the subsequent summer term.

- 3.2 The university President will appoint the presiding officer, associate presiding officer, and the secretary from the members of the Council.
- 3.3 The Presiding Officer
 - 3.3.1 Presides over meetings of the Council
 - 3.3.2 Represents the Council in official communication with the university or System administration.
- 3.4 Appointed members may serve up to six consecutive one-year terms, with a two-year hiatus required before reappointment.
- 3.5 Elected members serve two-year staggered terms to allow approximately one-half of the elected members to be elected each year, with re-election only after a two-year hiatus.

4. Meetings

- 4.1 The Council will conduct meetings at which a quorum is present in a manner that is open to the public. Quorum is defined as more than 50 percent of the membership in attendance.
- 4.2 Meetings will be broadcast over the internet using live video and audio, as applicable, of each open meeting of the Council if more than 50 percent of the members of the council or senate are in attendance.
- 4.3 No later than the seventh day before a meeting of the Council, the following will be made available to the public on the university publicly facing website:
 - 4.3.1 Meeting agenda for the meeting with sufficient detail to indicate the items that are to be discussed or that will be subject to a vote;
 - 4.3.2 Any curriculum proposals to be discussed or voted on by the Council that will be discussed or voted on at the meeting.
- 4.4 The names of members in attendance must be recorded at a meeting in which the Council conducts business related to:
 - 4.4.1 A vote of no confidence regarding an institution or system administrator;
 - 4.4.2 Policies related to curriculum and academic standards.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

<u>Texas Education Code 51.3522</u> <u>System Policy 12.04, Faculty Advisory Council</u>

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