

Student Affairs Committee: Terms of Reference

1. Mandate and Role of Committee

The Student Affairs Committee works to the betterment of student life on campus. It advises the General Faculties Council on matters related to student experience and fosters and ensures the linkage between student support activities and the strategic priorities of the University to achieve the greatest impact for students.

2. Areas of Responsibility

The Committee:

- a. Serves as a forum for discussion of student life on campus, paying particular attention to the range, effectiveness, and quality of student services programs in operation.
- b. Discusses best practices, challenges, and opportunities to enhance student experience.
- c. Advises on and recommends to the General Faculties Council and other parties' relevant activities that will foster and promote student experience across the University.
- d. Reviews and advises on initiatives to support students from equity-deserving groups access and success.
- e. Reviews and advises on results from student engagement surveys.

3. Composition

Voting Members (10)

- Chair: Dean of Students
- Registrar
- Two (2) Academic Staff members, appointed by the Dean, Academic Programs
- Three (3) Student Association representatives, appointed by the Student Association
- One (1) Student from the MFA program
- Director, Learning and Instructional Services or designate
- Director, Student Services & Wellness
- Manager, Indigenous Initiatives

Non-Voting Members (2)

- Studio manager
- Secretary, General Faculties Council

4. Absence of the Chair

In the event that the Chair is unable to attend a specific meeting, then the Chair may either designate a voting member to chair the meeting or cancel the meeting.

5. Quorum

At least 50% of the voting members of the committee, plus one.

6. Terms of Office

Student Association representatives will hold membership for a year and may be reappointed.
Academic Staff members will be appointed for two years and may be reappointed.

7. Reporting to GFC

The Committee shall submit its minutes to GFC.

8. Links

[Academic Calendar](#)

[Academic Standing and Graduation Policy](#)

[Admission Procedure](#)

[Final Grading Procedure](#)

[Graduate Academic Standing and Graduation Procedure](#)

[Student Academic Integrity Policy](#)

[Student Conduct Policy](#)

[Student Academic Misconduct Conduct Procedure](#)

[Student Non-Academic Misconduct Conduct Procedure](#)

[Undergraduate Academic Standing and Graduation Procedure](#)

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