

Academic Affairs, Research and Student Life Committee Charter

Purpose of Committee

The Academic Affairs, Research and Student Life Committee is a standing committee of The Ohio State University Board of Trustees established to consider and make recommendations for action by the board relating to the following programs and activities at the university and Wexner Medical Center: 1) teaching and learning; 2) student success, support and well-being; 3) the research enterprise; 4) innovation, technology commercialization and entrepreneurship; and 5) outreach, engagement and partnership activities of students, faculty and staff.

Committee Authority and Responsibilities

In furtherance of its purpose set forth above, the committee shall have the following authority and responsibilities:

- **Educational policy, academic structure and organization** – The committee provides policy oversight of the academic and co-curricular activities of the university, aligned with the principles of shared governance and consistent with the university's land-grant mission. This may include activities at Ohio State's Columbus or regional campuses, CFAES Wooster, through Ohio State University Extension or in association with other institutions of higher education.
- **Student success, support and well-being** – The committee provides policy oversight of initiatives to support and enhance the experience of students, whether operated through the offices of Academic Affairs, Student Life, Athletics or elsewhere within the university.
- **Research enterprise** – The committee provides strategic oversight and guidance on the sustainable growth of research and creative expression, corporate partnerships, technology commercialization, as well as entrepreneurial activities. It reviews and evaluates the effectiveness of the research and innovation enterprise including, but not limited to, annual research and development expenditures, scholarly activities such as publications and creative expression, outcomes of technology commercialization, startup activities and corporate partnerships.
- **Faculty personnel actions** – The committee recommends approval of faculty personnel actions to the Board of Trustees.
- **University faculty and student rules** – The committee recommends approval of changes to the Rules of the University Faculty and Code of Student Conduct to the Board of Trustees.
- **Conferring of degrees, certificates, awards and other honors** – The committee recommends approval of degrees, certificates, awards and other honors, including honorary degrees recommended by the university president or the University Senate, to the Board of Trustees.
- **Large-scale ventures and contracts** – The committee provides strategic guidance and oversight, in conjunction with other board committees, on large-scale ventures and contracts that require review or approval by the Board of Trustees.



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- **Innovation district** – The committee provides strategic guidance and oversight, in conjunction with other board committees, for the overall planning for and development of academic and scholarly programming, technology commercialization, entrepreneurial activities and corporate partnerships within the Innovation District at Ohio State.

Committee Meetings

The committee generally shall meet in conjunction with the regularly scheduled meetings of the full board, and at such other times and places as it deems necessary to carry out its responsibilities.

A majority of the voting members of the committee shall be present in person or via means of live, audio-enabled communication, and at least one-third of those voting members shall be present in person at any meeting of the committee in order to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at such meeting.

Committee Membership

All members of the committee, as well as the committee chair and vice chair, shall be appointed by the chair of the board. The chair and vice chair of the committee shall be trustees or charter trustees. Trustees, student trustees, charter trustees and non-trustee committee members shall all be voting members of the committee.

The committee shall consist of trustees appointed to the committee, including at least one student trustee, up to two members of the university faculty, and up to two additional non-trustee members, with majority membership by trustees at all times. Each member of the committee shall serve for such term or terms as the chair of the board may determine or until his or her earlier resignation, removal or death.

Staff and Other Support

Primary staff support for the committee shall be provided by the Office of Academic Affairs, the Office of Student Life and the Enterprise for Research, Innovation and Knowledge. Further, the committee shall obtain advice and assistance as needed from internal or external experts in human resources, legal affairs or other areas.

University Bylaws

The provisions of this charter are intended to comport with the bylaws of the university. To the extent that these provisions conflict, the university bylaws shall control.