



## Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee Charter

### Purpose of Committee

The Academic Affairs 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: 1) teaching and learning; 2) student success, support and well-being; and 3) outreach and engagement activities of the university's 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.
- **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.



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### **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 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, one member 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 offices of Academic Affairs and Student Life. Further, the committee shall obtain advice and assistance as needed from internal or external experts in human resources, legal affairs or other areas as needed.

### **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.