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Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3361:50-1-03 Colleges and divisions: faculties of colleges and divisions and their powers.

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(A) Each college and division faculty shall consist of the president of the university, the executive vice president for academic affairs and provost, the dean, professors, associate professors, assistant professors, instructors, and others of academic or administrative rank as may be elected thereto by the respective faculty with the approval of the dean.

(B) Each college and division faculty may meet at stated times agreed upon by itself and the dean or upon call of the president or dean and shall determine the academic or other qualifications prerequisite for voting at its meetings.

(C) The board of trustees has the ultimate authority to establish new academic programs, schools, colleges, institutes, departments, and centers at the university of Cincinnati.

(D) The curricular approval process to establish and modify academic programs, curricula, courses, general education requirements, and degree programs is as follows:

(1) College review: each college and the office of the executive vice president for academic affairs and provost may establish procedures for the internal review of proposals to establish and modify academic programs, curricula, courses, general education requirements, and degree programs. The procedures must comply with this rule and other university rules and policies, including, but not limited to the university's intellectual diversity policy, and all applicable legal authority and accreditation requirements.

(2) Academic committee review: the academic committee chair is selected by the executive vice president for academic affairs and provost. The academic committee is composed of faculty selected from each academic college, by election or appointment, and staff and administrators appointed by the office of the executive vice president for academic affairs and provost. Only faculty representatives and administrators with faculty appointments are considered voting members. The academic committee is advisory in nature to the provost and amongst its membership shall have at least four members of the faculty senate who will provide advice, feedback and recommendations on any proposal to establish and modify academic programs, curricula, courses, general education requirements, and degree programs. The academic committee will review any proposal and in accordance with applicable university rules and policies, including, but not limited to, the university's intellectual diversity policy, and all applicable legal authority and accreditation requirements, either approve, deny, or seek modification of any proposal. If approved, the academic committee will make its recommendation to the executive vice president of academic affairs and provost.

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(3) Executive vice president of academic affairs and provost review: the executive vice president of academic affairs and provost will review any proposal and in accordance with applicable university rules and policies, including, but not limited to, the university's intellectual diversity policy, and all applicable legal authority and accreditation requirements, either approve, deny, or seek modification. If approved, the executive vice president of academic affairs and provost will submit the proposal to the board of trustees for final review and approval.

(4) Board of trustees review: the board of trustees retains final, overriding authority to approve or reject any establishment or modification of academic programs, curricula, courses, general education requirements, and degree programs. The board of trustees will review any proposal and in accordance with applicable university rules and policies, including, but not limited to, the university's intellectual diversity policy, and all applicable legal authority and accreditation requirements, either approve or deny the proposal.

(E) The executive vice president of academic affairs and provost may modify academic programs, curricula, courses, general education requirements, and degree programs, but only if:

(1) The modification would be administrative in nature and would not constitute a substantive revision. A substantive revision, for example, includes any changes to a program's degree designation, a program's title, or a program's curriculum by more than fifty per cent of the required coursework at one time. A substantive revision does not include updating course prerequisites without changing the definition and treatment of credit for the course, updating the availability of course delivery modalities, adding elective options within a program's curriculum, or similar changes that would not alter the course or program definitions approved by the board of trustees when creating new courses or programs.

(2) The modification would conform the academic program, curricula, courses, general education requirements, or degree programs to applicable laws or regulations.

(3) Also, the executive vice president of academic affairs and provost must report to the board of trustees any such modifications made to academic programs, curricula, courses, general education requirements, and degree programs at its next regular meeting. The board of trustees may choose to override any such modification.

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(F) Subject to the provisions of this policy, and the approval of the executive vice president for academic affairs and provost, each college and division faculty shall make its own regulations governing the admission of students, grading policy, degree requirements, recommendations for degrees, honors, and prizes, and such other matters as may be within its jurisdiction. The college deans shall ensure that each faculty department head or school director files a current copy of such regulations, as to each degree, with the executive vice president for academic affairs and provost.