

Proposed Standing Rules Revisions

Note: the shaded blue text indicates proposed additions and shaded strike-through text indicates proposed deletions.

Academic Standing Committee

Mark-up version:

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The Committee consists of a minimum of ~~seven~~ eight and up to ~~nine~~ ten Faculty, up to three of whom may be retired faculty who are still employed part-time by the University, and two Student members, ~~and~~. In addition, the following shall be ex-officio members, non-voting: the Registrar (or representative), ~~and a Disability Access Services (DAS) representative ex-officio, non-voting~~. The committee chair is also a non-voting member, except in the case of a tie vote by Committee. Committee members involved in a student's request for exception may not participate in the vote.

Clean version:

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Should the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies be out of the office on extended travel or have a conflict of interest, he/she may refer the decision to the Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, the Vice Provost for Student Affairs, or the Provost. Appeals must be based solely on the original file reviewed and acted upon by the Committee. The Committee will re-open a case only if significant new information is presented to it.

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Rationale: The changes in the titles in the Standing Rules are to accurately reflect the current position titles at OSU and to accurately reflect the appeal process in place between the Registrar's Office and the agreed upon appeal process that has been happening through the Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs.

As a result of several student cases being processed by the ASC without full knowledge of the student's resource needs, the Registrar's Office and Legal counsel worked together and proposed that there be a non-voting, ex-officio DAS employee representing their office on the committee for the purpose of acting as an informational resource to prevent such problems from occurring in the future.

The committee then determined they would like the DAS representative to be an ex-officio voting member. In this way, a DAS person would not have to "apply" through the regular membership process. This would allow committee membership to be open to others. The Faculty Senate Executive Committee subsequently felt that, if the Academic Standing Committee wanted the DAS representative to be voting, they should have requested a designated DAS position on the committee, as a regular voting member, which would not require the DAS representative to "apply". The Executive Committee, upon agreement with the chair, agreed that the DAS ex-officio member shall be non-voting.

The reason for increasing the number of members on the committee was that this committee meets for intensive periods of time and being able to have an ample cross-section of members present at the meetings with students is important. The current number of available members often leaves the meetings with students with less than desirable numbers of the committee members available and able to meet.