Provost’s Program Committee

Charge

Charge: The purpose of the Provost’s Program Committee (PPC) is to ensure that TU’s academic programs enhance student learning and align with the University’s strategic priorities. This standing committee is tasked with evaluating all academic programs in all colleges at TU across a number of dimensions, including their contribution to the University’s core mission, their trajectory, and their financial sustainability. Deans of colleges with programs under evaluation will be given the opportunity to provide meaningful input. The committee will make recommendations to the Provost about the allocation of TU’s resources across existing and future programs, as well as to propose policy for the ongoing evaluation of academic programs.

Composition: The Provost’s Program Committee is composed of 10 faculty representatives drawn from each college (three from the College of Engineering and Natural Sciences; three from the Henry Kendall College of Arts and Sciences; two from the Collins College of Business; one from the Oxley College of Health Sciences; and one from the College of Law), one Dean, the president of the TU Faculty Senate, the Provost (ex officio), the Executive Vice President and Treasurer (ex officio) and the vice president of the TU Faculty Senate (ex officio). Other deans, administrators, students and/or alumni may be invited to participate ex officio as needed.

Selection: As part of shared governance, each college will nominate at least two candidates for each of its allotted representative positions on the PPC. The deans will select candidates after soliciting nominees from the faculty in their respective colleges. The Deans’ Council will nominate two candidates from among its ranks. Candidates should be forward-thinking and collaborative. Candidates will be interviewed and selected by a committee consisting of the President, the Provost, and the President of the TU Faculty Senate.

Terms: Faculty representatives to the Provost’s Program Committee serve three-year terms with the exception of the first cohort when, for colleges with more than one representative on the committee, staggered one-, two- and three-year terms will be established by lot. Terms of the committee members run from July 1 through June 30. When a faculty vacancy occurs, the respective dean will nominate two faculty for each vacancy. When a decanal vacancy occurs, the Deans’ Council will nominate two deans for each vacancy. The nominees will be interviewed annually in May and June. There is no limit on the number of terms a faculty member or dean may serve, but returning members must be re-nominated. The PPC is a year-round working committee.

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