

Proposal: Reconstitute the Academic Council Student Affairs Committee

ECAC proposes to reconstitute the Academic Council Student Affairs Committee (ACSAC). The charge and composition of the committee are as follows.

The Academic Council Student Affairs Committee (ACSAC) examines university-wide initiatives and issues pertaining to undergraduate, professional, and graduate students at Duke. Among other things, the committee serves as a platform to 1) proactively explore matters pertaining to Duke students; 2) provide faculty input on administrative initiatives concerning student education and student life; and 3) formulate a faculty response to student requests or activities as warranted. The committee is expected to provide advice and guidance to the Provost, the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Dean of the Graduate School, and other administrative leaders. The committee is responsible to the Academic Council, and reports to ECAC.

The committee shall consist of eight faculty members appointed by ECAC, each serving two-year terms. Three faculty members shall be appointed from Arts and Sciences, one from Pratt, one from either Sanford or Nicholas, and three from Divinity, Law, Fuqua, Nursing and Medicine. At least one member of the Arts and Sciences faculty should be a member of the Arts and Sciences Council. The committee shall also include ex-officio the Presidents of the Duke Student Government and the Graduate and Professional Student Council, or their designates. The chair of the committee, appointed by ECAC, will set the agenda and timing of meetings.

Background

Brief History (since 2004) of Academic Council Committees Focused on Student Affairs

1. Spring 2004: Formation of Academic Council Student Affairs Committee (ACSAC)

Description:

The primary responsibilities of the committee are to provide advice and guidance to the VP for Student Affairs and to report to ECAC on issues pertaining to student affairs that warrant faculty attention. The committee will serve to provide faculty opinion to the administration during the planning stages of important student affairs

initiatives and in significant cases where an administrative response to student requests or activities is required.

The number and timing of committee meetings shall be at the discretion of the chair and the VP for Student Affairs. In addition to scheduling needs directly relevant to the issues at hand, the committee should be cognizant of the schedule of the BOT Student Affairs Committee and ECAC's role in consulting the general faculty, and should plan accordingly.

The Committee shall consist of six faculty appointed by ECAC, each serving two-year terms. Two shall be members of the BOT Student Affairs Committee, one of whom is the ECAC representative. At least two shall be from Arts and Sciences, at least two from Engineering, and at least one from a professional school. The Committee shall also include ex-officio, the presidents of DSG and GPSC or their designates, administrative representatives from the Graduate School and the VP for Student Affairs. The chair shall be a faculty member appointed by ECAC.

2. January 2008: Formation of Academic Council Committee on Undergraduate Education (ACCUE)

On January 15, 2008 Paula McClain (ECAC chair) notified S. Nowicki (Dean and Vice Provost, Undergraduate Education) and L. Moneta that ECAC decided to eliminate ACSAC and replace it with ACCUE, which ECAC viewed as more in keeping with the new administrative structure (i.e., the creation of Nowicki's position).

Charge:

The primary responsibility of the committee is to provide a forum for initiating and developing university-wide faculty initiatives on matters pertaining to undergraduate education, life and student affairs. The committee is expected to provide a faculty voice during the planning stages of administrative initiatives concerning undergraduate education. The committee is also expected to provide advice and guidance to the Dean for Undergraduate Education and the Vice President for Student Affairs. Finally, the committee is expected to report to ECAC on issues pertaining to undergraduate education that warrant faculty attention.

The committee shall consist of six faculty members appointed by ECAC, each serving two-year terms. One shall be a member of the Pratt faculty, one a member of the Nicholas faculty, with the remaining members appointed from the Arts and Sciences faculty. One member of the Arts and Sciences faculty should be a member of the Arts and Sciences Council. The chair of this committee, appointed by ECAC, will set the agenda for all committee meetings, as well as the number and timing of the meetings.

The Dean of Undergraduate Education and the Vice-President for Student Affairs shall be ex officio members of this committee.