

Policies of the University of North Texas	Chapter # – 06
13.9 Shared Governance and the Role of Advisory Committees and the Academic Administration	Chapter Name Faculty Affairs

Policy Statement.

Shared governance is and shall be a central tenet of academic decision-making at the University of North Texas (as it is in higher education at major public Universities throughout the U.S.). The participation of faculty in decisions that involve academic matters assures that academic quality remains at the heart of the process. Authority for decisions, however, is vested in the Board of Regents, Chancellor, and the President. The President may delegate authority to other members of the University administration as allowed by state law and Regents Rules. Authority may only rest with individuals who can be held directly accountable for the decisions they make. Thus, authority may not rest with a committee.

Application of Policy.

Faculty and Academic Administration.

Definitions.

University. “University” means the University of North Texas.

Policy.

Faculty will have a voice in all academic decision-making through various mechanisms, including but not limited to the Faculty Senate, department, school and college-based elected committees, appointed committees, and other advisory councils in accordance with state law, regulations of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Regents Rules, and University policy.

On matters directly involving the structure of academic degree programs, degree qualifications, the curriculum, review and grading of student accomplishments, and the conferral of academic degrees, it is the role of the faculty to determine the standards and criteria for final approval by the administration. While the administration must ultimately approve matters involving academic quality, the faculty voice is primary.

In matters such as the supervision of personnel within an administrative unit and matters involving decision-making responsibility for work assignment, evaluation, disciplinary actions, allocation of resources (including, but not limited to, space, graduate assistantships, support for travel, support for research projects, etc.), authority rests with the individual administrator who is held accountable. However, decisions on many such matters are normally made after consultation with the faculty.

Responsible Party: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

References and Cross-References.

Regents Rule 04.300

Regents Rule 06.100

UNT Policy 15.0.1, Faculty Appointment and the Granting of Tenure and Promotion

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