

The charge to the **Committee on Committees** is to review on an annual basis one-third of the standing committees and to make recommendations to the chancellor and Faculty Council on the continuation of the committees and the revision of charges and/or membership to improve the committees' functions. The committee also should follow-up on past recommendations for changes.

The Committee on Committees met once during the fall semester of 2009 to review the procedures for review of university committees, and to familiarize themselves with the tools and materials to be used. Half of the committee members were new to the committee this year. A sample copy of the questionnaire and letter to campus committee chairs are available for review on the Committee on Committees' page, on the MU Standing Committees website. The COC also met once during the spring semester, with the purpose of reviewing committee assessment data in person.

Committee on Committees members were assigned to conduct individual committee reviews, to visit committee meetings where possible, and to distribute materials to campus committee participants.

Committees chosen for review:

- Campus Recreation
- Campus Safety
- Concerts
- Environmental Affairs and Sustainability
- Intercollegiate Athletics
- Lectures
- MU Information Technology
- Residence for Tuition Purposes
- Residential Life
- Status of Women
- Cancellor's Committee on Student Conduct
- Student Organizations

Reports for the review these twelve committees are presented below.

Summary of Committee Reviews

Campus Recreation Committee

The charge to the Campus Recreation Committee is to review and recommend policies to the vice chancellor for Student Affairs for each recreational facility on campus. These facilities include the Student Recreation Center, Brewer/Rothwell, the Natatorium, the tennis courts, the Hinkson Creek area and all recreation playing fields.

Committee function and meetings, membership, communications and support were all rated positive or very positive. The committee has a diverse make-up, and functions very well as is. It has strong leadership and excellent participation.

Modifications suggested: 1) insure that all persons, including those who are disabled, are receiving recreation services, 2) seek input from recreation staff, in addition to the director, 3) seek additional input from highly motivated students who utilize the facilities.

Campus Safety Committee

The charge to the Campus Safety Committee is to recommend to the vice chancellor for Administrative Services policies and procedures relating to the safety and elimination of campus hazards.

This committee is functioning well, and is operating within the scope of its charge.

Organization of the committee, utilization of *ex officio* members, and diversity of membership all allow this committee to anticipate issues, and to act promptly when issues arise. Faculty and staff members are generally pleased with operation of the committee. One-third of the membership felt that individual responsibilities were unclear. Overall, this committee functions exceptionally well and should continue in its current form.

Concerts Committee

The charge to the Concerts Committee is to make recommendations to the provost and the director of the Concert Series concerning the continued improvement of the Concert Series.

This committee meets monthly; discussions illustrate member concern and commitment to providing improved access to a larger audience. Because the Concert Series is almost entirely self-funded, events are booked far in advance; care is taken to prevent alienation of current supporters of the Series. Concerns as discussed by committee members: 1) enhance utilization of concerts by a larger audience 2) explore increased offerings of classical music within current programming constraints 3) attract increased numbers of students to events 4) regular attendance of more committee members at meetings and concerts.

This committee is diverse in membership and committed to the charge. Maintain and continue this committee.

Environmental Affairs and Sustainability Committee

The charge to the Environmental Affairs and Sustainability Committee is to make recommendations to the provost on the development of policies for environmental and sustainability issues; develop formal and informal mechanisms for improved education to enhance environmental and sustainability awareness; and provide a biannual sustainability report to the chancellor.

Members from diverse backgrounds, with deep commitment to environmental issues.

Discussion of issues is constructively conducted. The committee meets regularly, and members like the strategy for scheduling meetings; feel the committee work is viewed positively by the university community. Few concerns discussed: 1) potential for gaining alumni input 2) streamline mechanism to gain executive approval of ideas

This committee is on track and is satisfied with their work.

Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

The charge to the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee is to advise the chancellor and to consult with the director of Intercollegiate Athletics in all matters relating to Intercollegiate Athletics at MU. Committee recommendations to the chancellor are made in accordance with the policies of the Board of Curators, the University, and the applicable rules and regulations of any regional or national conference or association.

This committee is highly functional, with a strong, diverse membership, stakeholder groups well represented, and all essential aspects of athletics covered. Communication between IAC, the Athletics Department, and campus administration is open and regular. IAC subcommittee function may be less strong. Concerns: 1) reevaluate subcommittee function 2) whether more face-to-face meeting could enhance productivity over electronic communications 3) potential for use of further resources, such as SharePoint electronics.

This committee is meeting its purpose, and therefore no substantial changes are recommended.

Lectures Committee

The charge to the Lectures Committee is to work with the Office of the Provost to establish and coordinate an annual series of lectures dealing with cultural, scientific and public affairs subject matter.

The committee reviews individual applications for financial support from schools, colleges, programs and departments related to bringing speakers to campus. This committee meets face-to-face twice a year, at the beginning and end of the year. Individual proposals are decided via email. Committee members comment on the need to continue/enhance attracting a diversity of speakers to campus, the need for effective advertising of speakers funded, the wide variance in honoraria, and a potential role of the committee in fostering lecture ideas. Many members felt there to be a broad representation of faculty, staff, and students on the committee, and that communication and administrative support is good.

The committee could consider meeting to 1) track sources and mechanisms of funding requests, in order to increase overall participation 2) discuss interpretation of the charge to the committee: should the committee limit activities to review of submitted proposals, or expand to include ideas for lectures, with coordination?

MU Information Technology Committee

The charge to the MU Information Technology Committee is to advise the chancellor, provost and Faculty Council on issues involving computer and information technology through oversight of those entities responsible for computer and IT services on the MU campus.

In the past several years, the committee has enjoyed enhanced participation of both faculty and student representatives. The committee thanks MSA for actively encouraging student participation. The committee meets monthly, with several additional meetings for the purpose of hearing proposals and reports on its administration of grants for the Provost's office. Purpose of the grants is to identify and foster creative and useful links between students and technology.

Committee strengths: Recommendations and guidance to the Provost's office on 9-10 million dollar IT budgetary issues; active involvement of committee members in the committee charge. The committee chair notes there is always room for enhanced communication, such as regular meetings with faculty council representatives.

Residence for Tuition Purposes Committee

The charge to the Committee on Residence for Tuition Purposes is to act on cases referred by the Registrar or Cashier, or appealed by a student, with respect to liability for tuition

customarily charged a nonresident of the state. Recommendations are made on resident status for tuition purposes only and have no bearing on matters of admission.

Strengths of the committee include excellent attendance by faculty and student members, though the committee was slow to organize in the fall. The committee functions well as a team, and meetings are productive and constructive. One major improvement has been the scheduling of appeals meetings, now accomplished by an admissions officer from the registrar's office.

One suggestion would be to have some Standard Operating Procedures on file, so there is more consistency in function and operation, as members enter and exit.

Residential Life Committee

The charge to the Residential Life Committee is to advise the vice chancellor for Student Affairs on the enhancement and promotion of student learning through communities such as Freshman Interest Groups, Residential Colleges and other learning communities. It also serves to advise the vice chancellor on programs, services and policies regarding the residence halls and other University-recognized residences.

This committee is one of several mechanisms for providing faculty and student feedback to the Department of Residential Life. The committee concerns itself with responses to policy decisions made, as well as functions related to Residential Education. This year the committee met several times; in prior years, this committee had met infrequently, if at all. Committee activity and agenda will reflect enthusiasm and responsibility assumed by the committee chair.

This committee has enhanced face-to-face participation this year, and is encouraged to continue to meet, as a group, two to three times annually, in future years. Future chairs of this committee are encouraged to develop a strong relationship with the Director of Residential Life in setting agenda discussion points.

Status of Women Committee

The charge to the Status of Women Committee is to assess and to make recommendations to the deputy chancellor regarding the status and education concerns of women.

This committee met monthly. Members report a high level of satisfaction with the committee work, and praise the commitment and diversity of the membership. Major issues included:

- Women's Health and Wellness Gathering
- Tribute to MU Women
- Family-friendly campus/lactation areas
- Domestic Partner Benefits
- Supplemental statement against violence against women/info on violence prevention and assistance for survivors

The committee has worked hard on the core mission. There is constant tension, generated by members of the university community, to expand the role of the committee to advocate for other underrepresented or disenfranchised groups. Overlap of issues exists. Perhaps the concerns that depart from an explicit focus on women could be redirected toward the Chancellor's Diversity Initiative.

There was a high degree of satisfaction with communication and support for committee function. The majority of respondents indicated a high degree of satisfaction with variety of ethnic and disciplinary representation. Several committee members suggested that a faculty member be identified as a co-chair, in addition to the significant leadership offered by staff.

This active and strong committee should continue its work, with a meeting early in the semester, soon after the academic year begins, as a priority. The concern of potential loss of the committee's unique focus on the status of women should be addressed.

Chancellor's Committee on Student Conduct

The mission of the Chancellor's Committee on Student Conduct is to decide cases in accordance with the University of Missouri Standards of Conduct and Rules of Procedures as regards student disciplinary matters, and to report those recommendations to the student, the Office of Student Conduct, Residential Life, the Provost, or to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Members of the Chancellor's Committee on Student Conduct meet only after receipt of a written request by the student charged. All committee members have the same rights, including the right to vote. This committee meets regularly and is committed to its mission. No recommendations for change.

Student Organizations Committee

The charge to the Committee on Student Organizations, Governments, and Activities is to make recommendations to the vice chancellor for Student Affairs on the recognition and activities of student clubs and organizations, student government associations, fraternities, and sororities as described in the academic regulations, Article XI, Section 6, dated March 7, 1977.

This committee plays an important and ongoing role in the student experience at the University of Missouri. Committee members were generally satisfied with the way the committee is fulfilling its charge. One concern voiced was that committee meetings are not open to the public. Another, that committee membership does not adequately represent an appropriate mix of faculty, staff, students and alumni.

Recommendations: 1) Post notice that committee proceedings are not open to the public on the committee website, with justification for this policy and 2) Membership change considerations: add a second GPC representative.

End of report, as submitted by the Committee on Committees, 2009-2010.