

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

1. Number of students: total, undergraduate, graduate, professional

Total = 23,276

Undergraduate = 19,603

Professional = 743

Graduate = 2,930

2. Number and Name of colleges within your University

14 Colleges/Schools:

College of Agriculture

College of Liberal Arts

College of Architecture, Design and Construction

School of Fine Arts

College of Business

School of Nursing

College of Education

School of Pharmacy

College of Engineering

College of Science and Mathematics

College of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences

College of Veterinary Medicine

College of Human Sciences

Graduate School

3. Number of Senators: total, by school

Total members = 90

The Auburn University Senate has 90 voting members, including 70 faculty representatives (one from each academic department), 11 administrative representatives, the Student Government Association President, the Graduate Student Council President, the Staff Council Chair, the Chair of the Administrative and Professional Assembly, and 5 officers.

4. Senate Officer titles & length of terms

The Senate Chair is elected to a three-year term as Chair-elect, the Chair, then past-Chair. The Secretary is elected to a two-year term as Secretary-elect then Secretary.

5. Number and Name of Senate Committees

Total = 20

Academic Computing

Academic Program Review

Faculty Welfare

Graduate Council

Academic Standards
Administrator Evaluation
Calendar and Schedules
Core Curriculum Oversight
Curriculum
Faculty Grievance
Faculty Handbook Review
Faculty Salaries

Lectures
Library
Non-tenure Track instructors
Research Grant-in-aid
Retention
Rules
Steering Committee
Teaching Effectiveness

6. Senate Governance

a. Role of your faculty Senate

The University Senate is advisory to the President of Auburn University. The primary concern of the Senate is the general academic policies of Auburn University, including those involving curricula; programs; standards; faculty appointment, evaluation and development; student academic affairs, and libraries. The Senate is also concerned with issues that affect all members of the University community, such as the budget, employee welfare programs, the calendar and facilities. The Auburn University Faculty Handbook governs the policies and actions of the Senate.

b. Reporting structure of Senate to University

The Senate is advisory to the President.

c. School deans – ex-officio Senate members or members with voting status

Three deans, rotating, are appointed by the President to serve as voting members of the Senate.

d. Make up of ex-officio members (i.e. includes administrators, staff council leaders, and/or student leaders)

Not applicable.

e. With whom and with what frequency does the Senate executive committee meet with University administrators (i.e. president and/or provost)

The Executive Committee of the Senate meets weekly with the Provost and bi-weekly with the President. The Senate Chair participates in the weekly Administrative Council meeting and the President's Cabinet meeting (in advance of each Board of Trustees meeting); the past-Chair holds the non-voting Faculty Advisor seat on the Board of Trustees.

f. Degree of Senate involvement in the selection of members for standing University-wide committees

The Senate Rules Committee is the "committee on committees" appointing members to all standing Senate Committees and nominating members (for Presidential selection) for all standing University Committees.

g. Degree of Senate involvement in the selection of members for University-wide ad hoc committees

The Rules Committee nominates members for University ad-hoc Committees (except Search Committee members who are elected by academic units).

h. Degree of Senate influence on University academic policies and procedures

The Chair of the Senate has a non-voting seat on the Board of Trustee's Academic Affairs Committee. The Senate (a) initiates and advances policy changes and additions and (b) reviews and recommends regarding policy changes advanced by the administration.

i. Describe formal structure that promotes continuity between and after officer changeover

The Chair-elect/Chair/past-Chair and Secretary-elect/Secretary structure provides an apprenticeship year for incoming officers/leaders; "elect" officers are members of the Steering and Rules Committees, as well as being on the Executive Committee, participating in as many meetings and discussions, as desired.

7. If applicable, faculty governance within University schools or colleges:

a. Type of governance bodies

b. Relationship between governing bodies and Senate

c. Make up of governing bodies (elected or appointed members; representation determined by department size or other method)

Some Deans have faculty advisory groups and some Departments have advisory or leadership teams; there is no formal relationship between these groups and the University Senate.

8. Collegiate Athletics:

a. Role of Senate in the establishment and oversight of student-athlete policies and procedures

The Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics, a University Committee with twelve voting and three non-voting members, governs establishment and oversight of policies and procedures regarding student-athletes. The Chair and the Vice Chair are faculty members selected and appointed by the President; four additional faculty members are nominated by the Rules Committee and selected by the President.

b. Faculty Representative: appointed or elected, and by whom

c. If applicable, role of Senate standing committee on athletics

The committee recommends to the President the policies for the operation of the intercollegiate athletics program at Auburn, monitors for the President all aspects of the program for compliance with University policies and with NCAA and SEC legislation, and assists the president and the Director of Athletics on any aspect of the intercollegiate athletics program for which advice or assistance is required.

d. Reporting structure of Department of Athletics to University

e. Who (title-wise) is the responsible person for academic affairs in the department of athletics

The administrator of academic support programs for student-athletes is the Associate Athletic Director for Student Affairs and Assistant Provost, a single position with dual-line reporting.

f. What types of academic support are extended to student-athletes through the department of athletics

The Athletic Student Affairs program has six full time academic staff including advisors plus tutorial staff; there are numerous integrated academic support program including supplemental instruction and tutoring in addition to student-athlete participation in mainstream academic support programs.