

University of Tennessee

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

Total = 23,183

Undergraduate = 18,372

Graduate/Professional = 4,811

2. Number and Name of colleges within your University

12 colleges:

Agricultural sciences and natural resources

Architecture and design

Arts and sciences

Business administration

Communications

Education, health, and human sciences

Engineering

Information sciences

Law

Nursing

Social work

Veterinary medicine

3. Number of Senators: total, by school

Total members = 85

9 = Agricultural sciences and natural resources

2 = Architecture and design

26 = Arts and sciences

5 = Business administration

3 = Communications

10 = Education, health, and human sciences

8 = Engineering

2 = Information sciences

3 = Law

2 = Nursing

3 = Social work

4 = Veterinary medicine

4 = Libraries

1 = ROTC

3 = Space Institute

Senate Officer titles & length of terms

(all 1 year terms) President, President-elect, Secretary, Parliamentarian, Information officer, Immediate Past president

5. Number and Name of Senate Committees

Total = 19
Athletics
Budget
By-laws
Development & alumni relations
Educational Policy
Graduate council
Undergraduate council
Instruction with Technology sub-committee
Executive
Faculty Affairs
Faculty & staff benefits
International education
Government relations
Library
Nominating
Professional development
Research council
Student affairs
Teaching Council

6. Senate Governance:

a. Role of your Faculty Senate

(a) Is authorized, subject to the approval of the chief academic officer, the President, and the Board of Trustees, to formulate policies and regulations regarding the general educational objectives of the University, including those policies and regulations related to the overall general requirements for admission, graduation and honors for the degree programs and certificate programs of The University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

(b) Is authorized to review the actions of the Special Faculties of The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, concerning the specific admission and graduation requirements for the programs of the various academic units.

(c) In consultation with academic officials may also consider, advise, and recommend to the chief academic officer, or, if appropriate, through the chief academic officer to the President, policies and procedures in other matters which concern the general welfare of the faculty of The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, such as, but not exclusively limited to, criteria for faculty appointment, dismissal, promotions, tenure, and retirement; criteria for the selection of the chief academic officer and other campus administrative officers; criteria, in conjunction with other Faculty Senates or corresponding bodies of other campuses of The University of Tennessee, for the selection of the President of the University System, and other System executive officers; priorities for the University budget; priorities for the University development plan; and changes in physical facilities. The Faculty Senate may consider, advise, and recommend on proposed policies regarding student life, rights, and responsibilities.

(d) Has no management or administrative functions, either in itself or through the instrumentality of its committees, administrative matters being expressly reserved to the President of the University, and delegated by the Board of Trustees and through the President to the chief academic officer of The University of Tennessee.

b. Reporting structure of Senate to University

All actions by the Faculty Senate shall be reported to the faculty by (1) distribution of a summary of actions of the Senate to all faculty, (2) distribution of minutes and necessary supporting documents to all Senate members, each department head, dean, and director with instructions to maintain them on file for faculty reference, (3) reports as requested for special meetings of the faculty. Any action shall be subject to revision or alteration by the entire faculty provided that no rights or acts of third parties shall be affected by such revisions or alteration.

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

Members with voting status

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

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

Monthly

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

Opportunity to suggest members

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

Opportunity to suggest members

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

I. The Educational Policy Committee will concern itself with the study, establishment, and implementation of the curricular and instructional goals of the University; referring appropriate issues to the Graduate and Undergraduate Councils and such subcommittees as it may establish, and making recommendations to the Senate regarding academic policy. The Graduate and Undergraduate Councils will report to the Senate through the Educational Policy Committee. This committee will review the minutes of the Graduate and Undergraduate Councils and work with the Graduate and Undergraduate Council Chairpersons to prepare the presentation of their minutes for Senate consideration, highlighting policy issues and other items of special importance. The Senate delegates the responsibility for review and approval of program-specific curricular changes to the Educational Policy Committee so that the changes may be implemented without Senate vote, provided that these changes have been approved by the appropriate council(s), and that the Senate receives full and prompt notification of ratification. In these cases, implementation will follow Educational Policy Committee approval, but any curricular change may be reopened for review and its implementation delayed at the will of the Senate. Changes considered by the Educational Policy Committee to be major, significant or controversial will be forwarded to the Senate for review and vote.

- II. The Graduate Council shall report its actions through the Educational Policy Committee for approval by the Faculty Senate. It shall concern itself with graduate standards for admission, retention, and graduation, and with curricular matters in graduate programs, with the development of interdisciplinary programs, with the approval of new graduate programs, with the approval of individuals to teach doctoral courses and direct doctoral research, with the financial support of graduate students, and with any other matters of educational policy pertaining to graduate programs.
 - III. The Undergraduate Council shall concern itself with standards for admission, retention, and graduation; with curricular matters in the undergraduate programs; with the development of interdisciplinary programs; with the approval of new programs and any other matters of educational policy pertaining to undergraduate programs. The Council shall report its actions through the Educational Policy Committee for approval by the Faculty Senate.
 - IV. Instruction with Technology Subcommittee (1) identify, review, and recommend educational technology policies, (2) represent the Senate and the Educational Policy Committee on key university committees that address instruction with technology, and (3) bring key issues on teaching and learning with technology to the attention of the Senate.
- i. **Describe formal structure that promotes continuity between and after officer changeover**
President-elect and Immediate Past President serve as senators and on the Executive committee to provide continuity of leadership.
7. **If applicable, faculty governance within University schools or colleges:**
- a. **Type of governance bodies**
Variable: all colleges a faculty governance group of some sort
 - b. **Relationship between governing bodies and Senate**
No formal relationship
 - c. **Make up of governing bodies (elected or appointed members; representation determined by department size or other method)**
Varies by college or unit
8. **Collegiate Athletics:**
- a. **Role of Senate in the establishment and oversight of student-athlete policies and procedures**
Athletics Committee. Membership shall consist of twelve faculty members appointed to two-year staggered terms. Ex-officio members shall include the chief campus administrative officer charged with academic affairs (or designee), the Director of Athletics, the Director of Women's Athletics, the faculty chairperson of the UT Athletics Board, the Director of Student Recreation, two student athletes appointed by the Athletics Department, and two students elected by the Student Senate. The Committee will also include the following non-voting ex-officio members: the Director of the Thornton Advising Center, the Associate Director of Women's Athletics Compliance, the Associate Director of Men's Athletics Compliance. The Committee on Committees shall appoint the Chairperson of the Athletics Committee for a one-year term.

This committee shall concern itself with academic aspects of intercollegiate athletics as well as the intramural athletics program. It may also concern itself with any other athletics matters which the committee deems appropriate and which lie within the purview of the Faculty Senate.

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

Appointed by the President of the University

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

See a. above – Chair serves on the Athletics Board and the Executive Committee of the Athletics Board.

d. Reporting structure of Department of Athletics to University

Reports to the President

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

First of all it is important that you realize that the athletics department does not provide academic support for student athletes at UT. Academic affairs concerning student athletes is not in the athletics department but is the responsibility of the Provost's office. The person with that direct responsibility is the Associate Provost and Director of the Thornton Center.

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

The support offered in the Thornton center includes: tutoring, academic counseling, a writing center, special needs and learning disability support services, and the CHAMPS life skills program.