Purpose

To provide an Academic Constitution and Bylaws by which faculty members and academic professionals of Arizona State University participate in the governance and administration of the university and the development of university policy

Sources

Arizona Revised Statutes 15–1601
Arizona Board of Regents Policy Manual, 1–113 and 6–201

Applicability

Faculty
Academic professionals
Members of the Academic Assembly

Preamble

University governance requires communication and collaboration among faculty, staff, students, and administration. Collective wisdom improves decisions, promotes consensus, and builds trust. The faculty and academic professionals of Arizona State University, through this constitution, provide for the organization and procedures by which they may efficiently and effectively contribute to the governance of the university in support of its collective effort to promote the economic, social, cultural, and environmental health of the communities it serves. There are hereby created the Academic Assembly, the University Senate, and the University Academic Council (hereinafter abbreviated as the UAC).

I. The Academic Assembly

A. Membership

1. all faculty in a tenure-eligible or tenured position
2. all academic professionals with full-time multi-year, probationary, or continuing appointment positions
3. the president of the university and the provost of the university
4. all full-time faculty with fixed appointments (i.e., instructors, lecturers, senior lecturers, principal
   lecturers, clinical faculty, research faculty, and professors of practice)
5. members of the Emeritus College
6. the membership of the Academic Assembly may be changed through amendment of this
   constitution.

B. Officers
1. the president of the university
2. the provost of the university
3. the Senate president, and the campus presidents of the Academic Assembly
4. the campus presidents-elect and immediate past presidents of the Academic Assembly
5. the secretary of the Academic Assembly and Senate

The secretary of the Academic Assembly and University Senate shall be appointed from the membership
of the Academic Assembly by the UAC, with the advice of the University Senate Committee on
Committees and the consent of the University Senate, for a term of two years, beginning June 1.
6. the faculty ombudsperson of the Academic Assembly.

The faculty ombudsperson of the Academic Assembly shall be appointed from the membership of
the Academic Assembly by the UAC, with the advice of the University Senate Committee on Committees
and the consent of the University Senate, for a term of two years, beginning June 1. The faculty
ombudsperson may not hold any administrative appointment of department chair or higher. Each
campus may also have a faculty ombudsperson of the campus for a term of two years, beginning June 1,
nominated by the UAC members from that campus with the advice and consent of the senators from
that campus. The campus faculty ombudspersons may not hold any administrative appointment of
department chair or higher.

C. Meetings
1. Regular meetings: Regular meetings of the university-wide Academic Assembly are not
evereoned. A campus president of the Academic Assembly may call meetings of the assembly
   membership for the campus of which he or she is president. The president of the campus on
   which any assembly meeting takes place, or his or her designee, shall preside. Campus meetings
   shall be held at least once each semester. The agenda of each meeting shall be published in a
   form accessible to assembly members at least one week in advance of the meeting.
2. Special meetings: The president of the university or the UAC may call meetings of the Academic
   Assembly. Any 50 members of the university-wide Academic Assembly may request a special
   meeting of the whole assembly by writing the chair of the UAC. Any 15 members of a particular
   campus may request a special meeting of the campus Academic Assembly membership. The
   purpose of any special meeting must be explicitly stated, and the special meeting shall be
limited to that subject. A specific agenda and any proposals for action shall be sent to each member of the assembly at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

3. Quorum: Twenty percent of the members shall constitute a quorum at either the university or the campus level of the assembly.

4. Voting: The UAC shall determine the method of voting for university-wide assembly meetings; however, a secret ballot shall be ordered upon the request of 25 members. By a majority vote of those present and voting, the Academic Assembly may order all assembly members polled by electronic ballot. For campus-wide assembly votes, the method of voting shall be determined by the campus representative body; however a secret ballot shall be ordered upon the request of ten members.


D. Authority and Functions

1. The Academic Assembly shall have the power, subject to the authority of the Arizona Board of Regents, and to the limitations hereinafter provided, to propose on all matters of educational policy, faculty grievance, faculty personnel, faculty-student policies, financial affairs, university support services, and all other matters affecting the faculty and academic professional role in the university, its campuses, research parks, and other facilities. The Academic Assembly normally will exercise this power through its representative body, the University Senate. Nothing in this constitution and bylaws is intended to imply assumption of powers not available by state law or policies of the Arizona Board of Regents.

2. The secretary is responsible for keeping the records of the Academic Assembly for the use of the Academic Assembly and the Arizona Board of Regents.