

Know Your Rights!

Faculty Governance and Your Faculty Advisory Body

Article VI, Section 2.A (p. 10) of the CBA make clear that “the Faculty are uniquely qualified to participate in the governance of the University, particularly with respect to academic matters.” Section 2.B goes on to state that the procedures and committees set out in the CBA, while not exclusive, “shall be maintained as the minimum apparatus for providing Faculty participation in academic affairs of the University”(emphasis added). Departmental FACs, Independent College/School SACs (sometimes called CACs) and campus FCs form the grass roots level of Faculty governance.

- **Your FAC/SAC/FC is “the primary advisory and recommendatory body” to your local administrator on academic matters that are central to the unit’s mission.** [See CBA, Article VI, Section 3.B (pp. 11-12), Section 4.A-B (pp. 13-14), and Section 6.B.1 (pp. 16-17).]
- **Such matters include but are not limited to:**
 - Issues concerning reappointment, tenure, promotion, and dismissal
 - Appointment of new faculty, including issues of rank and salary parameters
 - Review of full-time non-tenure track faculty
 - Allocation or re-allocation of faculty positions and academic staff positions
 - Program development, restructuring and discontinuance
 - Evaluations relating to faculty salary increases and other salary adjustments
 - Departmental planning and budget priorities
 - Issues relating to teaching assignments and class schedules
 - Faculty professional improvement (sabbatical), research, and other leaves
 - Procedures for review and appropriate revision of unit handbooks
 - Issues related to the advising and retention of students

The local administrator is required to notify the Faculty advisory body of his/her decision with respect to any matter on which the body has been consulted and to “indicate the substance of pertinent [Faculty advisory body] advice” when making written recommendations to higher academic officers (CBA, *ibid.*).

While the local administrator is not obligated to concur with the advice and recommendations he/she receives from the Faculty advisory body, good administrators know that frequently acting against the recommendation of the Faculty advisory body can be damaging to morale and may interfere with the unit’s ability to best fulfill its academic mission.

If you believe that your Faculty advisory body is being bypassed on a matter central to the academic mission of your unit, contact AAUP-KSU (330-673-9118).

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