

ASMSU STUDENT CAUCUS

STANDING COMMITTEE INFORMATION

As an ASMSU leader of the Student Caucus, you will represent the undergraduate student body by serving on committees that advise university administrators. Those who serve on the Student Caucus are engaged students deeply invested in ensuring that policies and procedures throughout the university are catered to the promotion of student success and wellness. Student caucus members actively report to ASMSU's Vice President of Academic Affairs.

UNIVERSITY COUNCIL (30 Representatives)

In the Academic Governance system, the University Council is the **highest governing body below the state-elected MSU Board of Trustees**. Comprised of both faculty and students, the University Council reviews decisions and recommendations made to the provost, the university president, and the Board of Trustees by the standing committees. **Students comprise 1/3 of the University Council.**

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON STUDENT AFFAIRS (6 Representatives)

The University Committee on Student Affairs (UCSA) is an **advisory body** to the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students. **Its focus is on evaluating policies that affect students** as they come from the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and various other departments within the university, as well as advising the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students on these policies.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION (4 Representatives)

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education (UCUE) **advises the Provost** on policy pertaining to **curriculum revision, methods of instruction, evaluation of instruction, and advising and counseling** for undergraduate students and programs. This is the committee where most everything academic happens.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON CURRICULUM (5 Representatives)

The University Committee on Curriculum (UCC) has the authority to **review, approve or reject changes proposed to undergraduate courses, curricula and degree requirements** by the various academic units throughout campus.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE (4 Representatives)

The University Committee on Academic Governance (UCAG) **reviews the university's Bylaws for Academic Governance**. UCAG has the ability to recommend amendments to the Bylaws to the Academic Council. Additionally, UCAG **reviews the bylaws of colleges throughout the university** to ensure that they are fully in accordance with the university-wide Bylaws for Academic Governance.

UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE ON FACULTY TENURE (2 Representatives)

The University Committee on Faculty Tenure (UCFT) serves as an **advisory body to the provost**. It makes **recommendations as they pertain to the formal and procedural rules on tenure**, policies on tenure, and dismissal to the Faculty Senate and the University Council. Additionally, UCFT serves as the judicial and investigatory agency for tenure actions, interprets tenure rules, acts on all cases of deviation from the rules, and hears cases where someone seeks to make exceptions to the rules of faculty tenure.