

Senate Standing Committee Overview

Committee	Mandate	Example of Tasks
Governance	Attends to all matters related directly to the welfare, constitution and conduct of Senate	Provides leadership in identifying policy needs and initiatives, Senate committee composition, nominations for honorary degrees, recommends changes to Bylaws of Senate or Faculty Handbook when necessary, advises, recommends, acts for Senate when needed, high-level governance oversight of the implementation of the Brock University Integrated Plan, recommends regarding proposals for a change in the name of academic units.
Planning Priorities, and Budget Advisory	Advice to the Board of Trustees in respect to the operating budget's consistency with academic policy.	Provides advice regarding principles of the University budget, fiscal priorities and challenges, budget system and matters requiring institutional advocacy.
Teaching & Learning Policy	Develops policy related to but not limited to teaching and learning, conceived of as mutually supporting and informing activities	Recommends academic policy for meeting the University's goals regarding teaching excellence, instructional development, evaluation of teaching, and other matters related to University teaching and learning, recommends the recipient of the annual Award for Distinguished Teaching, advises on library policy and issues as they relate to teaching and learning.
Research & Scholarship Policy	Develops policy related to but not limited to research and scholarship, conceived of as mutually supporting and informing activities	Considers and advises on policy regarding research and scholarship, recommends the recipient of the annual Award for Distinguished Research and Creative Activity, advises the on procedures for academic staff appointments, conditions for promotion and tenure, leaves and termination that are in the best interests of research and scholarship, advises on library policy and issues advises on library policy and issues, consults regarding the enhancement of research and scholarly opportunities.
Student Appeals Board	Hears and adjudicates all undergraduate and graduate student academic appeals and is the final recourse for academic appeals	Adjudicate appeals from students relating to issues such as final grades, charges of academic misconduct, and early re-admission from suspension and debarment.
Undergraduate Program	Oversees and makes recommendations on all undergraduate academic programs and policies	Establishment of undergraduate program priorities, undergraduate course offerings proposed for any academic year, changes in the Undergraduate Course Bank, plans for future academic development of the University

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Undergraduate Student Affairs	Matters directly related to undergraduate students, including but not limited to admissions, awards, and academic regulations	Policy concerning the conduct and regulation of undergraduate students in their studies, admissions policies and standards for all Faculties and Programs, teaching and examination policies and regulations, undergraduate student awards,
Graduate Studies	Oversees and makes recommendations on all matters directly related to graduate academic programs and related policies, considering and pursuing policy initiatives to enhance the academic programs, well-being and reputation of the University.	Conduct and regulation of graduate students, establishment of graduate program priorities, relationships between existing or proposed programs of study, admissions policies and standards, introduction of new categories of graduate degrees, development of teaching and learning initiatives, policies and regulations as they affect graduate students, annual updates to the graduate calendar, requirements and other regulations in regard to graduate scholarships, awards and bursaries, advises on library policy and issues as they relate to graduate studies
Information Technology and Infrastructure	Undertakes all those areas of policy and advice having to do with operations and planning for the whole University	Development and effective use of the physical resources of the University, anticipated growth/contraction of the academic/administrative sectors, policies and priorities to be adopted by the University concerning computing and communications resources, academic and administrative structures, University expenditures on computing and communication services
Academic Review Committee	Special committee of Senate responsible for the coordination, monitoring and implementation of all aspects of the Internal Quality Assurance Process (IQAP).	Oversees and monitors the IQAP from the initiation of a review or introduction of a new program to the final assessment report and recommendation to Senate, oversees cyclical reviews of programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels

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