

COLS Standing Committee Descriptions

These descriptions are taken largely from the College Bylaws (Article IV in the Faculty Handbook). Special requirements and additional comments are highlighted.

Academic Council for Interdisciplinary Studies

Open to Tenure-Track and Tenured Faculty. Work is ongoing throughout the academic year. The Academic Council for Interdisciplinary Studies acts as the initial level of review for course proposals submitted under the Interdisciplinary Studies subject heading in the College bulletin. The Committee will review and approve or disapprove the course proposals submitted and will transmit its decisions concerning these to the Curriculum Committee.

Curriculum Committee

Open to Tenure-Track and Tenured Faculty. Work is ongoing throughout the academic year. The Curriculum Committee formulates and acts on the long-range curriculum plans of the College including mission statements, objectives, emphases, programs, and curricula. The Committee will review and approve or disapprove the program and course proposals submitted to it and will transmit its decisions concerning these to the Dean.

Faculty Committee

Tenure Required. Work is ongoing, committee typically meets every other week. You must be available from 3:00 - 4:30 PM on Wednesday afternoons. The Faculty Committee is the major policy-making body of the College. It may initiate policy recommendations and receives the recommendations of the Letters and Science Council and faculty governance committees for review, acceptance, revision, or return to committee prior to their transmission to the Dean. The Faculty Committee keeps the faculty informed of matters of concern.

Program Review Committee

Open to Tenure-Track and Tenured Faculty. Work is ongoing throughout the academic year, typically weighted more heavily in the spring. The Program Review Committee reviews and evaluates the academic programs of the College and proposals for change. Its reviews and recommendations are transmitted to the Faculty Committee and the Dean.

Promotion Committee

Tenure Required. Rank of Full Professor required. Work is predominantly done in October and November. The Promotion Committee reviews the credentials of candidates for promotion in accordance with department, College, and University personnel policies and forwards its recommendations to the Dean.

Student Academic Committee

Open to Tenure-Track and Tenured Faculty. Work is typically done shortly after each semester ends and on as-needed basis. The Student Academic Committee makes recommendations to the Dean concerning the retention and academic standing of students in the College, following progress and academic standards set forth by the College and University. The Committee acts on student complaints and appeals and recommends revision of the Student Appeals Policy as needed.

Tenure & Renewal Committee

Tenure Required. Work is predominantly done in October, November, and February. The Tenure & Renewal Committee reviews the credentials of candidates for tenure or renewal in accordance with department, College, and University personnel policies and forwards its recommendations to the Dean.