

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES'**  
**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

**A Recommendation**

1. **Division and Department:** Board of Trustees
2. **Previous Board Action:** Article V of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees permits the Board to appoint committees and prescribe their duties, functions and limitations. On June 8, 2015 the Board of Trustees (Board) formed its Academic Affairs Committee to assist the Board with its oversight of the University's academic mission and strategic academic priorities.

The purpose for the Academic Affairs Committee is to collaborate with the President and Provost to consider, among other things, the strategic focus of learning goals and outcomes, student retention, graduation and graduate school acceptance rates and efficient and sensible organization of colleges and schools within the University. The Academic Affairs Committee frames recommendations on matters of policy, quality, and funding that require Board consideration and approval.

The Academic Affairs Committee is advisory to the Board, reviews academic policies and proposes new or revised policies as appropriate to the Board, and its specific responsibilities and duties are to:

1. Monitor the alignment of the University's academic programs to the University's academic mission, priorities, and strategic plans.
  2. Consider proposals for new academic programs, information from periodic academic program reviews and accreditation processes, and proposals for the discontinuance of any academic programs.
  3. Consider whether academic programs are appropriately responding to student interest and professional workforce needs.
  4. Consider whether the academic budget reflects the University's academic mission and priorities.
  5. Ensure that the University assesses the educational quality of its academic programs and uses the assessment for continuous improvement.
3. **Budget Implications:** None
  4. **Educational Implications:** The Academic Affairs Committee enhances the productivity of the full Board, and is responsible for recommending decisions and actions to the full Board.

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5. **Personnel Implications:** None

6. **University Reviews/Approvals:** The resolution was prepared by the Office of the General Counsel at the direction of the Chair of the Board of Trustees.

7. **Recommendation:**

WHEREAS, the Charter of the Board of Trustees' Academic Affairs Committee provides that the Academic Affairs Committee shall be composed of three Trustees who shall be appointed by the Board for three-year terms; one of whom shall be appointed as the Chairperson of the Academic Affairs Committee who may not serve more than two consecutive terms as Chairperson; and

WHEREAS, each member shall be free of any relationship that would interfere with his or her exercise of independent judgment or give the appearance of a conflict of interest; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Trustees appointed to the Academic Affairs Committee are as follows:

1. Tonya Allen, for a three (3) year term to expire on April 2, 2020;
2. Marianne Fey, for a three (3) year term to expire on April 2, 2020; and
3. Ronald E. Robinson, whose current term expiring on June 7, 2017 is hereby extended through August 11, 2018;

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that Tonya Allen shall serve as the Chairperson of the Academic Affairs Committee; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that all such Academic Affairs Committee members serve at the pleasure of the Board until their respective successors are duly appointed.

Recommended on April 3, 2017  
to the Board for approval by



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Richard L. DeVore, Chair of the Board of Trustees