

ARTICLE II: THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY

SECTION A: MEMBERSHIP

II.A

The persons who create and maintain the University constitute the University Community. The Board of Trustees recognizes that there are five groups within this Community: students, faculty, administrators, administrative staff and classified staff.

SECTION B: STUDENTS

II.B

All persons enrolled in the various instructional programs and courses of study offered by the University shall constitute the student body. The fact that a particular student also may be employed in either a supportive, instructional, or research capacity on a part-time basis does not preclude the student from being considered primarily a member of the student body.

Undergraduate students shall have the authority to establish an undergraduate student government (USG) to serve as their official representative body in accordance with the Undergraduate Student Body Constitution.

Graduate students shall have the authority to establish a graduate student government (GSS) to serve as their official representative body in accordance with the Graduate Student Senate Constitution.

Students also shall participate in the governance of the academic area of the University in accordance with the provisions set forth in this Charter.

SECTION C: FACULTY

II.C

Faculty shall be composed of:

1. All persons holding full-time academic appointment or rank who are not administrators as defined in II.D;
2. All persons holding faculty contracts.
3. All persons holding faculty rank who serve on the staff of University Libraries.

Except as may be restricted by other provisions of this Charter, a member of the University faculty shall have one vote on all college- and University-wide ballots, in the appointment of representatives to the Faculty Senate and other college or University bodies, and shall count as one faculty member regardless of teaching, administrative, or research loads.

For purposes of eligibility to serve on and vote in elections for Faculty Senate, Senate Standing committees, and University Standing committees, faculty shall also include school directors,

department chairs, program directors, and others holding faculty rank with no more than fifty percent of their contractual time assigned for administrative duties.

The responsibilities of the University faculty are effective teaching, scholarly or creative work, and service to the University and profession. The faculty shall have the authority to:

1. approve the awarding of degrees, including honorary degrees, given by the University;
2. establish an elective Faculty Senate, which shall serve as a representative body of the University faculty with authority and responsibilities described in IV;
3. exercise its right to review all actions of the Senate; and
4. participate and assist in various aspects of University governance in accordance with the provisions set forth in the various Articles of this Charter. *IV.C.2; IV.C.4; XIII.B.1, 3, and 4; and XIII.E.4.*

If need arises, meetings of the University faculty may be called by either the President or the Vice President for Academic Affairs (VPAA) or the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) or by petition to the SEC by five percent of the faculty. The Secretary of the Faculty Senate shall keep minutes of all such meetings of the University faculty and shall distribute copies to all members of the faculty. *IV.D.2.a)(3)* and Faculty Senate Bylaws, Bylaws C. The Office of the Faculty Senate shall be the official depository and reference center for all matters within the jurisdiction of the faculty, the Faculty Senate, and all Senate and University standing committees. Minutes of meetings and records of actions of these various Senate and University committees shall be available for perusal by any member of the University Community at any time during announced office hours.

SECTION D: ADMINISTRATORS

II.D

For the purposes of University governance as specified in this Charter, administrators shall include:

1. The President, the VPAA, all individuals holding any position as “Dean”, “Chair” or “Director” or like title within the University system, and persons not otherwise defined as faculty in this Charter who are supervisors, professional employees, confidential employees or management level employees as those terms are defined in ORC 4117.01.
2. Faculty holding any administrative positions through presidential appointment at the central administration and collegiate levels regardless of the percentage of time of that assignment.

SECTION E: ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

II.E

For the purposes of this Charter, all persons signing an Administrative Staff contract are members of the Administrative Staff, irrespective of present duties. (These persons do not hold academic rank.) The members of the Administrative Staff shall have the authority to establish an elective representative body known as the Administrative Staff Charter. The Administrative Staff shall have the opportunity to participate and assist in University governance in accordance with the provisions set forth in the various Articles of this Charter. *III.B, IV.F, and V.B.*

SECTION F: CLASSIFIED STAFF

II.F

For the purposes of this Charter, all employees of the University who are appointed to their positions by the Director of Personnel Support Services, acting as the appointing authority on behalf of the Department of Administrative Services of the State of Ohio, are members of the Classified Staff, whose representative body is known as the Classified Staff Council (CSC). *III.B.*

SECTION G: SHARED RESPONSIBILITIES

II.G

Certain responsibilities are shared in varying degrees by all of the basic groups of persons within the University Community. These include:

1. helping to define and further the missions and goals of Bowling Green State University (BGSU);
2. providing the means for interchange of information and ideas;
3. providing forums for the discussion of problems facing higher education in general and BGSU in particular;
4. providing opportunities for increased understanding of the University and the professional development of its staff through participation in the University's operation; and
5. reviewing and making advisory recommendations about the annual budget to be recommended to the Board of Trustees through the President.