University Governance

University Assembly

The University Assembly (http://utsa.edu/assembly) is a governance body that operates to support The University of Texas at San Antonio. It is a broad-based, informational organization whose membership is made up of faculty, staff, undergraduate and graduate students, and administrators. The purpose of the Assembly is to propose to the President recommendations concerning subjects such as the conduct of members of the UTSA community now covered by the Campus Code of Conduct, the Statement of Student Rights, or any other issues relevant to the operation of the University as a whole that may affect its member population.

Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate (http://utsa.edu/senate) at The University of Texas at San Antonio is an academic advisory body that makes recommendations concerning academic affairs to the University President and the Provost. The Senate’s authority is in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of The University of Texas System Board of Regents. Subject to approval by the President and the Provost, the Faculty Senate provides and distributes faculty rules and procedures.

The Faculty Senate also has the authority to propose recommendations concerning issues related to academic policies; requirements for admission, graduation, honors, scholastic performance; and approval for degree candidates.

Graduate Council

The Graduate Council (http://graduateschool.utsa.edu/faculty-staff/category/graduate-council) at The University of Texas at San Antonio is an operating unit of the Faculty Senate with representation developed independently of the Senate. The Council recommends graduate program policies and monitors their implementation across graduate programs and by the various graduate studies committees. Specific functions include developing recommendations concerning content of disciplinary and interdisciplinary programs and graduate curricula for existing graduate degrees and the establishment of new graduate degree programs, recommending and reviewing all graduate courses of instruction at UTSA, reviewing graduate programs and monitoring their quality, and recommending policies and standards for appointment of graduate students to be teaching assistants, teaching associates, research assistants, and recipients of University fellowships.

Members are elected to the Graduate Council by the members of each graduate program committee and by members of the graduate faculty of the programs’ graduate program committees. The Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School serves as an ex officio member. A student representative to the Graduate Council is elected by the members of the graduate faculty in each college.

Staff Council

The University of Texas at San Antonio’s Staff Council (http://utsa.edu/sc) is an advisory organization that functions to communicate recommendations to the President which are unique to UTSA staff. The Staff Council is comprised of classified and administrative and professional staff. The President and the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System give the Staff Council the responsibility of continually promoting staff involvement in campus governance and building a sense of community. Staff Council is the consultative voice providing staff with advice on University policy and procedures, advising the University on staff nominations to various University Standing Committees, and encouraging staff development.