The Council on Academic Affairs is the major policy-making body for the academic programs of the University. All college curriculum committees report to the council. All actions of the council are reviewed by the Faculty Senate and subsequently presented to the President of the University and the Board of Regents for final approval. Council membership includes representatives from the following:

One voting representative each from
• the dean’s office of each academic college
• each college faculty (an elected, tenure-track representative)
• the office of the Dean of Libraries
• the Faculty Senate
• the Chairs Association
• the office of the Dean of Graduate Education and Research
• the library faculty (an elected, full-time representative)

Two voting representatives from the student body

One non-voting representative each from
• the office of the Director of Admissions
• the office of the Director of Advising and Retention
• the office of the Registrar

With the exception of the student representatives, all voting members must hold academic rank at the university. The Associate Vice-President of University Programs will serve as the non-voting chair of the council. Other key personnel may be represented on the Council but in non-voting roles. Each college shall determine the qualifications of its faculty representative.