

UNIVERSITY POLICY

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1. Policy Statement

The Faculty Councils of Rutgers University–New Brunswick, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences (RBHS), Rutgers University–Newark, and Rutgers University–Camden are campuswide shared governance bodies consisting of representatives of Rutgers faculty on each of the four major campuses. The Faculty Councils each meet on their respective campus to consider matters of general campus interest, and to make recommendations to the responsible Chancellor or Chancellor-Provost (hereinafter “Chancellor” or “Chancellors”).

2. Reason for Policy

The four Faculty Councils: New Brunswick, RBHS, Newark, and Camden, form an important part of shared governance at Rutgers University:

- Each Faculty Council is the principal officially designated faculty body from which the given Chancellor seeks and receives advice and recommendations on matters of concern to the faculty.
- Since the University Senate, the principal shared governance body on the presidential level, includes student, staff, administrative, and alumni representatives, in addition to faculty, the Faculty Councils are the highest-level elected faculty-only governance bodies in the University. As such, the Faculty Councils can provide unique faculty perspectives on issues of interest to the Rutgers community.
- The Faculty Councils work cooperatively with the University Senate. Faculty Council Chairs or their designees serve as liaisons to the University Senate and report on Faculty Council activities at University Senate meetings. Individual Faculty Councils may refer issues of universitywide interest to the University Senate for consideration while the University Senate may refer issues of more local interest to the appropriate Faculty Council.

3. Who Should Read This Policy

All members of the Rutgers University community.

4. Resources

[University Policy 50.2.1: Senate - Membership and Organization](#)

[University Policy 60.5.2: Academic Titles and Rank Equivalencies for Tenure, Tenure-Track and Non-Tenure Track Faculty](#)

5. Definitions

1. Faculty Council - The Faculty Councils play an important role in the life and vibrancy of each Chancellor-led unit. Each Faculty Council is designed to work with their individual Chancellor on each campus. The Faculty Councils will act locally on their campus in areas and issues of faculty and educational affairs. They will advise the University Senate in the Senate's role as the shared governance body of the University.
2. The term "faculty member" as used with respect to eligibility to vote for a representative and/or to be elected to the campus Faculty Council shall refer to full-time faculty and part-time faculty members of that Chancellor-led unit as defined in [University Policy 60.5.2: Academic Titles and Rank Equivalencies for Tenure, Tenure-Track and Non-Tenure Track Faculty](#) and [University Policy 50.2.1: Senate - Membership and Organization](#), respectively.

6. The Policy

I. MEMBERSHIP AND PROCEDURES

- A. The voting members of the Faculty Councils shall be the faculty elected by and from the faculty members of the faculties, colleges, and schools, on each of the four Chancellor-led units.
- B. Each Faculty Council operates under Bylaws that specify that Council's role, purpose, powers, membership, modes of election, governance, and fundamental procedures and processes for amendments; these Bylaws shall be consistent with this and other provisions in the University Policy Library.
- C. The Chancellors and Provosts of Rutgers–New Brunswick, Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences, Rutgers–Newark, and Rutgers–Camden shall be *ex-officio* members of their respective Faculty Council.

II. OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The elected Officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Faculty Council shall be determined by the Bylaws of each respective Faculty Council.

III. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Each Faculty Council shall concern itself with all academic and non-academic matters pertaining to the mission of its respective campus. The campus Faculty Council shall advise the Chancellor of that unit on matters of broad educational and research policy.
- B. Each Faculty Council provides advice and recommendations to its respective Chancellor on a wide variety of matters of concern to faculty and is the principal officially-designated faculty body from which the respective Chancellor seeks advice on such matters.
- C. The Faculty Councils shall through their chairs advise the University Senate on issues that span more than one campus.
- D. Each Faculty Council also performs such other functions as are set out in its Bylaws.