

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs) Faculty Council

This charter was approved by the CALs Faculty Council on October 22, 2013. The intent is for the Faculty Council to represent the CALs faculty in the shared governance structure of CALs. It is based on The University of Arizona Guidelines for Shared Governance.

Purpose. The Faculty Council shall discuss matters of concern to CALs and the University community, including policies which affect the mission and management of the College. Specifically, the Faculty Council shall provide a forum to:

1. Identify and discuss issues of significant interest or concern to the faculty with due consultation with the faculty and the Dean;
2. Specific issues for discussion by the Faculty Council may be submitted by the Faculty or the Dean; and,
3. Provide advice or recommendations to the Faculty and the Dean on proposed actions.

Membership. The Faculty Council shall be composed of all Faculty Senators with CALs appointments, faculty-elected representatives representing all CALs academic units, and one elected representative of county-based faculty. Each CALs Department may have one elected representative, while each CALs School may have up to two elected representatives. Department Heads, School Directors and other unit administrators are not eligible as faculty-elected unit representatives. The Dean is an *ex officio*, non-voting member of the Faculty Council. Members of the Faculty Council other than the Faculty Senators and the Dean shall have a membership term of two years. Half of the seats of the Faculty Council shall be up for election every year.

Officers. Annually, at the last Faculty Council meeting of the Spring semester, the Faculty Council shall elect a member as chair for the following year. The chair shall act as liaison with the Dean and is responsible for scheduling, setting the agenda and chairing meetings and for distributing meeting minutes.

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Note on Current (2013) Membership Transition. The membership of the current Faculty Council (aka CALs Faculty Consultative Group) shall remain until after the last Faculty Council meeting of the 2014 Spring Semester when one half of the non-Senator members shall rotate off and shall be replaced by faculty-elected representatives as prescribed no later than the start of the 2014 Fall Semester. The non-Senator members who will rotate off in Spring 2014 shall be determined by random drawing. The other half of the current non-Senator members shall remain until they rotate off after the last Faculty Council meeting of the 2015 Spring Semester.