

## **Academic Affairs Committee Charter**

### **Purpose**

The Academic Affairs Committee oversees the academic programs of the University. Specifically, the committee facilitates the Board of Trustee's commitment to the University's vision of harnessing student-centered teaching, unique developmental opportunities, innovative research, and public service to become the region's university of choice for those seeking to improve their lives. The committee, in collaboration with academic leaders, strives to advance the mission of the University as a mission-driven, community-minded institution that provides transformational experiences through innovative, creative, and scholarly activities. The committee also oversees matters related to student success including services and resources to increase recruitment, retention, and completion rates and satisfaction.

### **Authority and Responsibilities**

The committee serves to:

1. Ensure, protect and advance the educational quality of the University and its academic programs;
2. Monitor progress towards the University's academic performance measures;
3. Advise the Board regarding major changes to the academic programs of the University, such as the creation, merger or closure of degree programs, schools or colleges within the University; and
4. Establish policies and procedures related to faculty appointment and tenure.

### **Composition**

In addition to the Trustee members as appointed by the Board Chair, the Provost shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the committee.