

UNC Faculty Governance Fact Sheet

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Timeline of Key Events

- 1947: Precursor of today's *Faculty Code of University Government*, a document called *Faculty Legislation*, created by a faculty committee and adopted by the faculty.
- 1950: Faculty Council, the faculty's representative legislative body, created.
- 1951: Faculty Council meets for the first time; 52 elected members & 29 *ex officio* members.
- 1974: *Faculty Legislation* renamed the *Faculty Code of University Government*.

What is Campuswide Faculty Governance?

- A structure of faculty leadership outlined in the [Faculty Code of University Government](#). Means for faculty to make its views heard in the shared decision-making processes for the campus.
- Campuswide faculty governance builds on departmental and school-based faculty governance. It derives its formal legal standing from the UNC Board of Governors Code's directives to chancellors requiring that they ensure:
 - an elected faculty council
 - an elected chair of the faculty
 - appropriate procedures "to provide the faculty the means to give advice with respect to questions of academic policy and institutional governance, with particular emphasis upon matters of curriculum, degree requirements, instructional standards, and grading criteria."
- Key components
 - Chair of the Faculty (Bruce Cairns); office has existed since 1952
 - Secretary of the Faculty (Joe Ferrell)
 - Faculty Marshal (Terry Rhodes)
 - Faculty Athletics Representative (Lissa Broome)
 - Elected Faculty Council:
 - 102 total members (77 elected members from the 18 university voting divisions; rest appointed or ex officio)
 - 8 meetings a year (academic year only)
 - Chancellor is presiding officer
 - Faculty Executive Committee (14 members) acts on Faculty Council's behalf when Council not in session.
 - 26 Standing Committees of the Faculty – NOT subcommittees of the Faculty Council, but do REPORT annually to Faculty Council. Mix of elected (12) and appointed (14) committees (either by Chancellor or Chair of the Faculty).
 - Approximately 3500 members of the "Voting Faculty"; turnout in 2015 elections was 45%; turnout in 2014 elections was 55%.
 - Professionally staffed offices in Carr Building (2 full-time staff, conference room)
 - Approximately 388 positions amongst all of these committees; about 280 unique individuals involved as of August 2015. They are drawn from all of the schools and colleges and the University Libraries, with the largest numbers coming from the College of Arts and Sciences (97) and the School of Medicine (45).
- Other important facts
 - Key areas of responsibility include curricula/programs of study, educational policies, admissions, faculty appointments/promotions/grievance/dismissals policies.
 - Elections held each spring—about 125 candidates needed for all open positions.
 - Nominations process Jan-Feb, begins with Interest Survey sent to all faculty.
 - Most Voting Faculty are eligible for most things; some offices are limited by rank/status.