

Faculty Assembly Committee on Teaching (FACT)

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, COLORADO SPRINGS

Bylaws

(Adopted by Faculty Assembly Committee on Teaching - formerly Teaching with Technology Committee – on April 7, 2022)

(Adopted by Faculty Representative Assembly on May 6, 2022)

Article 1. Introduction

These Bylaws are established pursuant to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Faculty Assembly of the University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS). The Faculty Assembly Committee on Teaching (FACT) is a Regular Standing Committee of the UCCS Faculty Assembly.

Article 2. Membership and Organization

The FACT consists of six to ten executive voting members. Members shall be broadly based and shall ideally include a faculty representative from each of the existing UCCS colleges and the library. Each member of the FACT will serve for one and up to two consecutive three-year terms. Members have a responsibility to attend regularly and participate. After three unexcused absences, the chair may request replacement of the committee member. The FACT will meet with and work closely with the Faculty Resource Center as needed regarding best teaching methods.

Article 3. Purpose

The committee provides leadership for the implementation of strategic planning for fostering a community of learning, engagement and inclusive belonging including (i) Assessing the climate of the university as it pertains to teaching activity for academic advancement, productivity and appropriate compensation; (ii) Making recommendations for supporting and improving upon teaching productivity, grant writing and sponsored research opportunities related to research into teaching and education; (iii) Employing shared governance to promote transparency and equity for teaching support across campus beyond staff in the FRC; (iv) Making recommendations to establish equitable teaching course loads for faculty across campus; (v) Announcing, reviewing, and selecting teaching awards that include the Outstanding Teacher Award, the Outstanding Instructor Award, and the Teaching Enhancement Grants, and participate in deciding the Chancellor's Award; (vi) Making recommendations to ensure accountability and bias-free implementation of teaching related policies, incentives, and programs which includes developing and reviewing the qualitative and quantitative measures of evaluating performance and quality assurance in teaching and learning, and recommending actions to improve teaching and learning performance and quality; and (vii) representing the faculty in regard to issues surrounding teaching with technology, including, but not limited to, enhanced, hybrid, and fully online courses and degree programs, and the use of technology in the traditional classroom. The committee shall address teaching concerns on campus, and engage in problem solving, implementation, and development of procedures for teaching with and without technology.

Article 4. Officers and Committee Members

- A. Committee members are responsible for communicating to their units, stakeholders, and committee regarding committee business to assist with faculty governance as well as to communicate regularly with the advisory board.
- B. The officers of FACT shall consist of Chair, incoming Chair (who will be Chair the following year), and past Chair. The incoming Chair shall be elected every year from the committee and shall assume office on the first of July.
- C. The FACT shall nominate a member to serve as representative to any existing corresponding system-wide committee.
- D. The Chairs of FACT are responsible for:
 - 1. Ensuring that the committee meets regularly.
 - 2. Notifying committee members of agenda and meeting times.
 - 3. Submitting reports to Faculty Assembly and send a FACT representative to the regular meetings of the Faculty Assembly.
 - 4. Informing the Faculty Assembly President of any vacancies that should be filled.

Article 5. Meetings

The FACT shall meet regularly during the academic year. Quorum at the meetings shall be 50% of the members present.

Article 6. Voting

Only current members of the FACT can cast votes. A voting member can cast only one vote per item per meeting. Advisory committee members may participate in all COT discussion but not cast votes.

Article 7. Amendments

These bylaws may be amended at any regular meeting by a quorum vote of the members present and entitled to vote, provided the proposed change has been submitted to the members in writing at the previous meeting and all absent members notified that a vote will be taken at the next regular meeting.