

**PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY RULE**



**12.04.99.P1 Faculty Advisory Council**

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**Rule Summary**

This rule establishes the Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU) as the official representative body through which faculty engage in institutional governance. The FAC provides a structured forum for faculty perspectives to be considered in shaping policies, programs, and initiatives that affect the academic mission and the welfare of the faculty at PVAMU.

In accordance with [System Policy 12.04, Faculty Advisory Council](#), this rule formalizes the structure and operation of the FAC at PVAMU by establishing procedures for membership, responsibilities, and its advisory role in institutional governance. It ensures compliance with [System Policy 12.04, Faculty Advisory Council](#), while strengthening shared governance by providing a representative mechanism for faculty participation in institutional decision-making.

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**Official Procedures and Responsibilities**

**1. GENERAL**

- 1.1 The FAC serves as a representative body of elected and appointed faculty who advise the President on matters directly related to the academic programs of PVAMU.
- 1.2 The FAC serves as a medium of communication between the faculty and administration, and facilitates faculty participation in university-level committees, councils, and task forces, but may not be delegated final decision-making authority on any matter.

**2. MEMBERSHIP**

- 2.1 All full-time faculty members below the level of department head are eligible to serve on the FAC.
- 2.2 The size of the FAC must not exceed the limits prescribed in [System Policy 12.04](#).
- 2.3 Membership must be proportional to the number of full-time faculty in each college or school, with reapportionment occurring every two years.
- 2.4 Each college or school must have at least two representatives on the FAC, with one representative appointed by the President and at least one representative elected by the faculty of that unit.

### **3. OFFICERS**

- 3.1 The President will appoint three officers of the FAC: Presiding Officer, Associate Presiding Officer, and Secretary.
- 3.2 Officers may be replaced at the President's discretion.

### **4. APPOINTMENT, ELECTION, AND TERMS OF OFFICE**

- 4.1 The President will appoint one representative from each college or school to serve as a presidential appointee to the FAC. A presidential appointee may serve up to six consecutive one-year terms.
- 4.2 Each college or school will conduct elections in the spring semester to select at least one faculty representative from each unit to the FAC, with the total number of elected members apportioned among all colleges and schools. Terms shall be staggered in a manner that allows one half of the elected members to be elected each year.
- 4.3 Elected representatives will serve two-year terms.
- 4.4 An elected member who has completed a two-year term, and an appointed member who has completed up to six one-year terms will be ineligible to serve during the following academic year but may be reelected after the second anniversary of the last day of their most recent term.
- 4.5 A faculty member serving on the FAC may be immediately removed in accordance with Texas Educ. Code § 51.3522(f).

### **5. MEETINGS**

- 5.1 The FAC will meet monthly during the academic year or more frequently as determined by its Executive Committee or the President.
- 5.2 All FAC meetings will be open to the public and conducted in accordance with procedures established by the President. The Council will establish written rules to define a quorum for conducting official business.
- 5.3 If more than one-half of the FAC members are in attendance, the Council will provide live video and audio streaming of the meeting through the University's website.
- 5.4 A sufficiently detailed agenda and any curriculum proposals scheduled for discussion or action will be posted on the University's website at least seven days before each meeting.
- 5.5 The names of all members in attendance will be recorded in the official meeting record whenever the FAC conducts business related to votes of no confidence or to policies concerning curriculum and academic standards.

## 6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1 The FAC must review, deliberate, and provide recommendations to the President of PVAMU on matters that directly related to the academic programs of PVAMU, including matters affect the academic mission, institutional effectiveness, and welfare of the faculty.
- 6.2 The FAC must communicate faculty perspectives to the President through scheduled meetings, formal reports, and adopted resolutions.
- 6.3 The FAC must recommend representatives to university-level committees, councils, and task forces to advance and support shared governance.
- 6.4 The FAC must ensure ongoing, transparent communication between the faculty and the administration.

## 7. COMMITTEES

- 7.1 The FAC must conduct its work through a range of standing and ad hoc committees to address issues such as faculty welfare, academic policies, professional development, communication, and other matters of institutional importance. The FAC Executive Committee will oversee the formation and operation of these committees to ensure that faculty concerns are addressed effectively and that the work of the Council remains responsive to the evolving needs of the University.

## 8. COMPLIANCE

- 8.1 This rule must be reviewed periodically and revised as necessary to ensure continued alignment with [System Policy 12.04](#) and applicable state laws.

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### Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

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[Texas Education Code §51.3522](#) (as enacted by S.B. 37, § 2.02 effective September 1, 2025)

[System Policy 12.04, Faculty Advisory Council](#)

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