

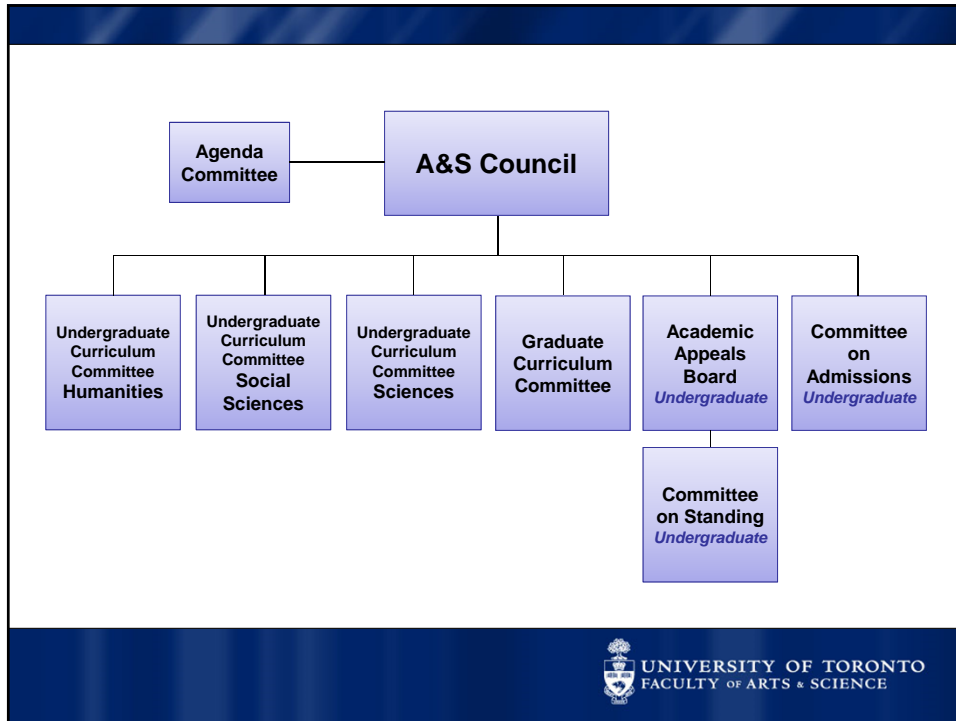


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A&S Council (Abbreviated) Orientation

Delegated Responsibilities

Dean	Council
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overall Direction and Management• Appointments, Promotion & Tenure• Budget/Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academic Policy• Admissions Policy• Curriculum, Courses & Program• Consideration of appeals to policy and practice affecting standing



Constitution

- Constitution
 - Powers of Council
 - What it can approve, its authority
 - What it can delegate
 - Itemized: certain curriculum change
 - Also: establish by-laws, standing committees
 - Make-up of membership



By-Laws

- Standing Committees
 - Mandate
 - Authority
 - Membership
- Council Procedures

A&S Council - Items

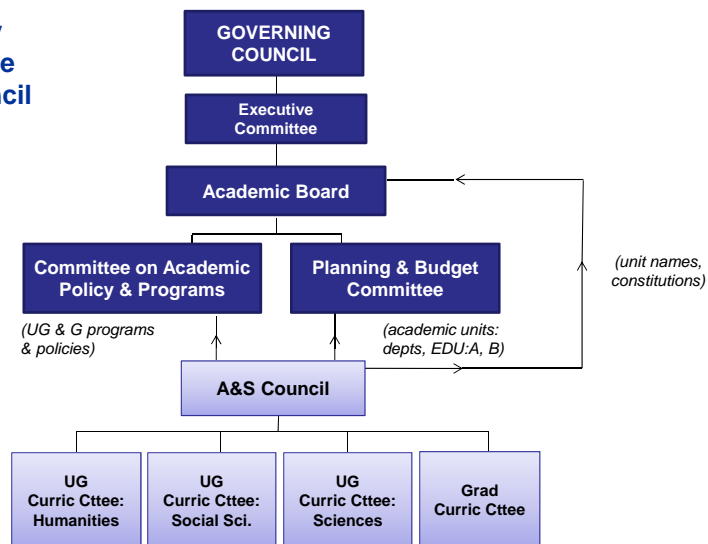
- Items that come are usually recommended – and vetted
 - Council voice critical to review and vet, and expertise is not needed
 - Good attention
 - Attuned sensibility informed by constituent perspective
- Items for feedback
- Items “of information”



A&S Council - Approval

- Substantial academic change
- Changes in Faculty policy
- Establishing extra-departmental units – or changing status
- Changing names
- Not always final approval – may go on to AP&P, Academic Board, even Governing Council

University Governance & A&S Council





A&S Council – Being a good governor

- Constituency provides perspective, experience
 - Teaching staff
 - Administrative/technical staff
 - Students (UG and grad)
 - Senior academic leadership and administration (ex officio)
- Balance of “voice” of constituency and academic caretaker of the Faculty

A&S Council – Being a good governor

- Attendance really important
 - Voices
 - Votes
- Ex officio vs voting
- Naming alternates
- RSVP
- Speak and engage
- Everyone has expertise



Standing Committees

- Curriculum
 - Approving academic change
 - Forum for wider curricular issues (and possible policy)
 - Identify possible interconnectedness in academic change
 - Place to learn of innovation, new approaches

Standing Committees

- Committee on Standing
 - Hear first appeal of refused petitions
 - Consider and recommend policy changes to A&S Council related to academic standing
 - Forum for understanding ever-changing student experience, and how it meshes with our rules and guidelines
 - Administrative justice principles in play – considering fairness in light of individual context



Standing Committees

- Academic Appeals Board
 - Hears 2nd appeal refused by COS
 - Able to hear the evidence of direct student testimony
 - Can indirectly influence policy, feedback to COS
 - Administrative justice principles in play

Standing Committees

- Committee on Admissions
 - Assess policy on admission to degree AND admission to post
 - Consider strategic and student-experience issues on program and degree access – and recommend policy
 - Curricular impact: timeline for change re. enrolment requirements
 - Sometimes hears admission file appeals



Standing Committees

- Agenda Committee
 - Establish agenda of Council meetings
 - Consider items for agenda
 - Advise on Committee membership
 - Sometimes acts with executive authority
- To propose items for Council, contact the Governance unit (see end) to present to Agenda Committee

Priorities for Governance

- Engagement
- Support materials for new members, chairs
- Fuller and more easily navigated online resources of current and historical governance
- Improved processes behind the scenes supporting various committees
- ***Share your feedback and ideas***



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A&S Council Membership Update



Council

- Ex officio
 - Decanal leadership
 - UTM, UTSC, SGS, University leadership
 - ASSU, ASUS, GSU leadership
 - College Registrars
 - Chairs/Directors/Principals of Departments, Extra-Departmental Units (Type A), Colleges

Council

- Voting
 - Teaching staff rep from each Department, EDU:A and College
 - Undergraduate Students (3 each Humanities, Social Science, Science, 3 First Year, 2 Part time)
 - Graduate Students (6)
 - Administrative/Technical Staff (5)



Recent Elections

- Spring 2017
 - Upper-year undergraduate Council members
 - Graduate student Council members
 - Admin/Technical Staff members
 - Teaching staff
- Fall 2017 (as of Monday)
 - By-elections for unfilled positions
 - First year undergraduate Council members

Appointments to Committees

- No updates in appointed voting teaching or administrative staff in Committee on Standing or Academic Appeals Board
 - Except: Registrar voting “rotation” continues
- Agreed to join Committee on Admissions
 - Andre Schmid, Chair, East Asian Studies
 - Allison Gibbs, Associate Chair, Statistical Sciences
 - Gillian Hamilton, Associate Chair, Economics



Almost all full

- Unfilled:
 - One part-time student position
 - One member of the Social Sciences Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
 - Several teaching staff
 - Possible by-elections in January
- Continue to engage with units without teaching staff reps
- Can recruit two more teaching staff to AAB

Turnout

- Undergraduate – less than 1%
- Graduate – about 3%
- Admin/Tech Staff – roughly 31% (last data: Spring 2016)