

NANYANG TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

STATUTE 4: ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE

A. Academic Governance Philosophy

1. The effective governance of academic affairs and safeguarding of high academic standards are paramount to the success of the University. To this end, the University management has institutionalised a rigorous system to assess academic proposals and ensure that decisions are made at appropriate levels after proper consideration and assessment by the relevant offices of the University.
2. Faculty members also collectively have a special role and duty in ensuring the quality and standards of research, education and scholarly work in the University. Hence, the Academic Council has been established as the official faculty body of the University, providing a forum for faculty members to play an independent and advisory role in academic governance. The Academic Council collectively enables the University to grow and renew itself as a dynamic institution of learning, advancing the frontiers of knowledge and nurturing the leaders of tomorrow.

B. Academic Governance Framework

The Board of Trustees shall establish the framework for academic governance. This shall include the policies and processes for decision making on such matters.

C. Academic Council

1. All tenure-track faculty are members of the Academic Council, which is chaired by the President. Practice track faculty, professorial and teaching fellows, as well as senior lecturers and lecturers, are also members of the Academic Council, provided that they are on contract of at least three years.
2. The Academic Council provides opportunity for its members to discuss and express their views on academic matters of interest to the faculty.
3. The Academic Council shall elect a Senate from among its members. The Senate shall comprise 50 Senators elected from the Colleges, the Lee Kong Chian School of Medicine, the National Institute of Education and the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies based on a representational formula to be determined by the President. The suggestions and recommendations of the Academic Council shall be submitted to the Provost through the Senate.