

# Committees' Role in Governance

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Unless otherwise specified, all committee memberships shall be for three years in order to assure familiarity with and competence at committee work. These three-year terms shall be rotating in order to assure continuity of committee work. The definitions below apply to the descriptions of the committees which follow:

- *Ad hoc*: committee or task force temporarily established for a special purpose.
- appointed: named or assigned to a committee position.
- chairperson: the individual who convenes and presides over meetings. Responsible for identifying objectives, for carrying out tasks and for communicating to University constituents through appropriate reporting lines, campus communication networks and final reports.
- elected: selected by vote.
- *Ex officio*: by virtue of official position - a voting member unless otherwise designated.
- member: any of the individuals composing a committee.
- nonvoting: a contributing member who is present but does not vote.
- resource person: an individual who is invited to attend selected meetings for a specific purpose.
- standing committee: a permanent committee.
- subcommittee: a permanent group reporting to a standing committee.