

University-wide Committees

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Purpose

University-wide Committees perform an important function in the operation of Mount St. Joseph University (“University”) through shared governance and the involvement of representatives of various constituencies in the University community. The qualifications for service on any University-wide Committee, the election and appointment processes for University-wide Committees, as well as responsibilities and obligations of service on University-wide Committees is set forth in the [Mount St. Joseph University Procedures and Requirements for University-Wide Committees](#).

1) Athletic Committee

Charge: The Athletic Committee has a primary role of ensuring the primacy of academic standards in the University’s athletic program consistent with the requirements of Division III of the NCAA, for monitoring athletes' educational experience and the policies relating to the athletes' educational experience and for other actions consistent with its responsibilities.

Reporting Line: President

Chair: The chair of the Athletic Committee is appointed by the President from the four faculty members of the committee who do not serve as the FAR.

Responsibilities of the Athletic Committee:

- To review and monitor the philosophy, standards, and objectives of the Intercollegiate Athletic Program and the external agencies which govern the program
- To ensure that the educational values, practices and policies comply with the University’s Academic Standards, *i.e.* normal academic progress, academic achievement, and sound selection of course work
- To ensure through review of athletic program policies that athletes have an adequate opportunity to pursue educational goals. Review should be made of those policies which can impact athletes' academic performance, such as those relative to travel, training, practice and game schedules, etc. for athletes. The committee's concerns should be raised with the following people in the order listed: the FAR, the Athletic Director, and the Head Coach
- To consider appeals of institutional eligibility requirements from student-athletes, and make final decision as to their merit
- To receive an annual report on the financial impact of the Athletic Department program on the University
- To review and recommend policies relating to recruitment, financial aid, publicity, and fund raising
- To perform additional duties as appropriate to the charge of the committee

Frequency of meetings: Monthly or as needed to meet the objectives of the committee.

Athletic Committee Composition:

Number	Status	Process	Role	Other
2	Faculty (no coaches)	Elected by faculty	Voting	
2	Faculty (no coaches)	Appointed by the President	Voting	
1	Faculty Athletic Representative (faculty or administrator who holds faculty rank but does not hold a position in the Athletic Department)	Appointed by the President	Voting	The FAR represents the institution and its faculty in the institution's relationships with NCAA and the HCAC. The FAR is responsible for ensuring that participants are academically eligible to practice and compete in athletics, and represents the University's interests to the NCAA and HCAC. The FAR serves once every eight years as president of the HCAC under the Conference's current governance structure. The FARs and Presidents, as a group, are the decision-making body of the HCAC. There is no term for this position.
1	Staff from Registrar's Office or Advising Center (no coaches and NCAA requirement)	Elected by staff	Voting	
1	Staff (no coaches)	Appointed by President	Voting	
1	Student	Recommended by the Student Athletic Advisory Committee and appointed by the President	Voting	
1	Athletic Director	Automatic	<i>Ex officio</i>	
1	Senior Woman Athletic Administrator	Automatic	<i>Ex officio</i> and nonvoting	
1	Athletic Retention Coordinator	Automatic	<i>Ex officio</i> and nonvoting	

2) Budget Committee

Charge: The Committee has a primary role in the Mount's integrated planning and budgeting process with the responsibility for reviewing, prioritizing, and rejecting and/or accepting action plans submitted by administrative and academic departments through the appropriate administrative officer. The Committee is also responsible for recommending the appropriate level of funding for accepted action plans.

Reporting Line: Chief Financial Officer

Chair: The chair of the Budget Committee is appointed by the CFO from the elected and appointed faculty and staff members of the committee.

Responsibilities of the Budget Committee:

- To recommend to President's Cabinet action plans with appropriate funding which reflect the priorities of the strategic plan for approval by the Board of Trustees
- To provide advice to the President on optimum utilization of human, physical and fiscal resources in order to reallocate funds among MSJ initiatives
- To request strategic priorities from President's Cabinet in order to review and prioritize action plans/requests for funds
- To incorporate requests for new faculty and staff positions into the Budgeting Process
- To seek clarification and additional information as necessary from resource persons, school deans, department chairs, directors, and Cabinet members
- To gather sufficient data to evaluate and recommend budget priorities
- To prioritize accepted action plans/requests for funds and determine appropriate level of funding
- To make recommendation to President's Cabinet relative to accepted action plans/requests for funds
- To communicate the status of requests through appropriate channels after committee consideration
- To meet deadlines established by the President's Cabinet, the Chief Financial Officer and the Audit/Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees
- Additional duties as appropriate to the charge of the committee

Frequency of Meetings: Semimonthly or as needed to meet established deadlines.

Budget Committee Composition:

Number	Status	Process	Role	Other
1	Chief Financial Officer	Automatic	Voting	
1	Budget Manager	Automatic	Voting	
2	Faculty	Recommended by ECFA and appointed by the CFO	Voting	
1	Faculty	Recommended by ECFA and appointed by the CFO	Voting	Serve on the Financial Sustainability Committee of the Board of Trustees

2	Staff	Recommended by CRSA and appointed by the CFO	Voting	
2	Students	Recommended by the SGA and appointed by the CFO	Voting	

3) Committee for the Mediation and Resolution of Disputes

Charge: The Committee for Mediation and Resolution of Disputes has the primary responsibility to facilitate the resolution of disputed personnel matters, such as working conditions, employment practices, or differences of interpretation of policy, within the University which are introduced into the Mediation and Resolution of Disputes Process in a confidential and neutral manner. The process is described in the *Employee Handbook*. Members will be trained annually in mediation techniques in order to effectively exercise their responsibilities on this committee. Committee members personally involved in a dispute have a conflict of interest and will be replaced by their alternate until the dispute concludes. The Provost, the Director of the Wellness Center, and Director of Human Resources will serve as resource persons when appropriate.

Reporting Line: Vice President Compliance, Risk and Legal Affairs/General Counsel

Chair: Committee members select one faculty co-chair and one staff co-chair from the elected committee members (not alternates).

Responsibilities of the Committee for the Mediation and Resolution of Disputes:

Advising

- To counsel faculty and staff on how they may be heard through appropriate use of the process.
- To counsel faculty and staff on protocol dictated by grievance procedures covered under the [Sex Discrimination, Sexual Misconduct and Interpersonal Violence Policy](#) and the [Equal Opportunity and Non-Discrimination Policy](#) are not subject to the mediation process and will be addressed under their own protocols.

Mediation

- To preserve confidentiality of all parties involved
- To offer resources in conflict resolution to differing parties through face-to-face negotiation
- To facilitate a mediation process for disputes which will enable both parties to communicate their interests, explore options, propose solutions, and mutually settle their differences

Resolution

- To ensure an opportunity to be heard
- To expedite all steps of the mediation process to facilitate a resolution
- To facilitate an appropriate resolution procedure in the event that mediation attempts prove unsuccessful

Reporting Line: The committee reports to the parties involved and to the appropriate administrative officer(s).

Frequency of Meetings: Annually for trainings, and on an as needed basis.

Committee for the Mediation and Resolution of Disputes Composition:

Number	Status	Process	Role	Other
3	Faculty	Elected by the Faculty Assembly	Voting	
3	Staff	Elected by Staff Assembly	Voting	
1	Campus Facilities and Operations Staff	Elected by Staff Assembly	Voting	
1	Faculty Alternate	Elected by the Faculty Assembly	Voting in the event a faculty member of the committee has a conflict of interest	
1	Staff Alternate	Elected by the Staff Assembly	Voting in the event that a staff member of the committee has a conflict of interest	

4) Council for Community & Belonging

Charge: The Council for Community & Belonging, which includes persons from a diversity of cultures and beliefs, serves as an advisory committee to help guide The Center for Mission and Belonging staff on strategies to further the University's goals/mission of respect and concern for all persons, and diversity of cultures and beliefs.. In addition, the Council will provide advice related to actions, policies, and procedures that promote and maintain a culture of belonging, respect, and care for all persons in the University community. The Council also make recommendations on how to better recruit, retain and serve underrepresented minority student, faculty, and staff populations.

Reporting Line: President

Co-Chairs: Chief Belonging & Experience Officer and the Assistant Director for Mission & Belonging Scholars

Responsibilities of the Council for Community & Belonging:

- Make recommendations on how to increase the diverse representation of our faculty and staff (recruitment and retention)
- Make recommendations on how to increase the diverse representation of our student body (recruitment and retention)

- Assist in promoting and maintaining a campus culture of belonging for all persons
- Advise on policy and procedures that will promote inclusivity on campus

Frequency of Meeting: Once a month or as needed.

Council on Inclusive Excellence Committee Composition:

Number	Status	Process	Role	Other
1	Chief Officer for Mission and Belonging	Automatic	<i>Ex officio</i>	
1	Assistant Director for Mission & Belonging Scholars	Automatic	<i>Ex officio</i>	
2	Faculty	Recommended by ECFA and appointed by the Assistant Director for Mission & Belonging Scholars	Voting	
2	Staff	Recommended by CRSA and appointed by the Assistant Director for Mission & Belonging Scholars	Voting	
2	Undergraduate students	Recommended by the Advisors for the Student Affinity Groups and appointed by the Assistant Director for Mission & Belonging Scholars	Voting	
2	Graduate students	Recommended by Graduate Council and appointed by the Assistant Director for Mission & Belonging Scholars	Voting	
2	Non-alumni members of the Greater Cincinnati community	Selected by the Chief Officer for Mission & Belonging and Assistant Director for Mission & Belonging Scholars	Voting	
1	Alumni	Recommended by the Alumni Board and appointed by the Assistant Director for Mission & Belonging Scholars	Voting	
1	Representative from Office of Human Resources	Automatic	<i>Ex officio</i>	

5) Emergency Response Team

Charge: The University’s Emergency Response Team is responsible for review, revision and execution of the MSJ Disaster and Emergency Response Plan and initializing the emergency process set forth in the plan.

Reporting Line: Vice President Compliance, Risk and Legal Affairs/General Counsel, who coordinates monthly ERT meetings and meeting agendas

Leader of First Responders: MSJ Chief of Police

Emergency Response Plan Leader (Plan Implementation in Collaboration with MSJ Chief of Police): CFO

Responsibilities of the Emergency Response Team:

- Be a full-time employee (year-round)
- Attend approximately six Emergency Response Team meetings each year. There will be a meeting after each incident and any drill. Consequently, the number of meetings could be higher. ERT meetings last an hour
- Have a solid working knowledge of the University’s Disaster, Emergency Response, and Notification Plan
- Be trained on and understand when and how to use MountSafe and any other University notification system
- Be willing to immediately respond when the individual receives an Emergency Response Team alert
- Actively participate in discussions about how the University should address disasters/emergencies, and offer suggestions on improvements
- Maintain confidentiality related to all Emergency Response Team matters

Frequency of meetings: As needed, but at least quarterly

Composition of the Emergency Response Team Committee:

Number	Status	Process	Role	Other
1	CFO	Automatic	Voting	Emergency Response Team Leader
1	MSJ Chief of Police	Automatic	Voting	Leader of MSJ First Responders
1	VP Compliance, Risk, Legal Affairs/General Counsel/Title IX Coordinator	Automatic	Voting	
1	Director of Student Leadership & Residence Life	Automatic	Voting	
1	Director of Campus Facilities and Operations	Automatic	Voting	
1	Associate Provost for Campus Technology	Automatic	Voting	
1	Marketing and Communications	Full-time/ Appointed by the VP Marketing	Voting	

	Department Representative	and Communications		
1	Vice Provost	Automatic	Voting	Second Vice-Emergency Response Team Leader
1	Faculty	Full-time/Twelve Month. Appointed by the Provost	Voting	
1	Staff	Full-time/Twelve Month. Recommended by CRSA and approved by the President.	Voting	
1	Athletic Department	Full-time/Twelve Month. Appointed by the Athletic Director	Voting	
1	Athletic Director or designee	Automatic	Voting	
	Student Health Services Manager	Automatic	Voting	

6) Employee Benefits Committee

Charge: Mount St. Joseph University Employee Benefits Committee (the “Committee” as set forth in this Section 9) provides employee input, advising, and oversight to the benefits offered to Mount benefits-eligible employees. As the “Plan Sponsor” of the Mount’s employee retirement plans (collectively, the “Plan”), as of June 12, 2012, the Mount delegated authority to the Committee to choose and monitor employee retirement plan funding options, consistent with all applicable laws and regulations, including, but not limited to, Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended, and Department of Labor regulations. The Committee is responsible for maintaining a written record of its decisions and steps taken in connection with the monitoring of the Plan funding options and decisions. The Committee also maintains a record of other recommendations, advice, and oversight provided in connection with all other non-Plan Mount employee benefits; although, final decisions concerning non-Plan Mount employee benefits remains with the Office of Human Resources and the President’s Cabinet.

Reporting Line: CFO

Chair: Chief Human Resources Officer

Responsibilities of the Employee Benefits Committee:

With respect to non-Plan Mount employee benefits, the Committee’s responsibilities include the following:

- Provide advice to the Chief Human Resources Officer and the Chief Financial Officer on issues with respect to employee benefits policies that affect the University community
- Review and consult with the appropriate employee bodies regarding any development of new or revisions to existing employee benefit policies
- Provide recommendations to the President's Cabinet on any changes to or development of employee benefits policies, procedures and practices
- Review annual benefit (health, dental, and vision insurance coverages) elections with Administration and The University's Benefits consultants prior to Open Enrollment
- Serve as ambassadors to the University Community in communicating and promoting employees' benefits

With respect to the Plan, the Committee's responsibilities include the following:

- Recommend investment objectives and policies as outlined in the Investment Policy Statement (IPS)
- Establish a list of acceptable investments and portfolio guidelines
- Provide information regarding fund investment structure and performance against established objectives and policies
- Review and approve all Plan service agreements
- Recommend compensation arrangements for investment service providers
- Monitor the performance of all service providers including investment advisors, record keepers, and Third-Party Administrators
- Provide guidance on educational and communication programs
- Evaluate plan design and administrative issues
- Select and terminate funding options
- Establish and maintain the IPS
- Creation and maintenance of fund "watch list"
- Control fees and expenses
- Generating communications to participants when necessary
- Develop an investment program that offers a diverse range of options
- Identify investment options (i.e. types of funds) which it deems appropriate and prudent to make available to plan participants
- Control and account for all investment, recordkeeping, and administrative expenses associated with the Plan
- Provide contribution and benefit information to the record keeper as appropriate
- Provide plan participants with prospectuses or other informational items as and when required by, and maintaining compliance with, the rules and regulation issued by the Department of Labor (DOL) pursuant to section 404(c) of ERISA
- Avoid prohibited transactions and conflicts of interest

Frequency of meetings: Quarterly and additional meetings as needed.

Employee Benefits Committee Composition:

Number	Status	Process	Role	Other
	CFO	Automatic	<i>Ex officio, voting</i>	
	Chief HR Officer	Automatic	<i>Ex officio, voting</i>	
	Human Resources Team	Automatic	<i>Staff, non-voting</i>	
	VP Compliance, Risk, Legal Affairs/General Counsel	Automatic	<i>Advisory, non-voting</i>	
3	Faculty	Appointed by the President	Voting member	
3	Staff	Appointed by the President	Voting member	

7) Health Professions Advisory Committee

Charge: The committee has primary responsibility for advising and guiding undergraduates pursuing health care careers as they prepare for admission to professional programs and educating the campus community about the requirements for admissions to professional schools.

Reporting Line: Director of Career and Experiential Education Center and the Provost

Chair: The chair of the committee will be determined by a vote of the members of the committee.

Responsibilities of the Health Professions Advisory Committee:

- Individual and group advising for students interested in health care careers in addition to the academic advisor
- Developing and updating career overviews, including a listing of Tristate professional schools, required and recommended courses, required exams, and other helpful information
- Offering and conducting committee interviews and preparing letters of recommendation for professional programs
- Working with the Career and Experiential Education Center, as well as other campus organizations and departments to offer programs and workshops to help students become acquainted with various health care fields and prepare for the application process
- Being members of and attending conferences for the Ohio, regional and national organizations for health professions advising
- Developing and maintaining contacts with local professional schools and practicing professionals
- Assist the CEEC in developing and maintaining contracts with local healthcare systems and clinicians to secure observation/shadowing and clinical experiences for pre-health students

- Working with Admissions to educate prospective students about potential preparatory tracks for health care careers through individual meetings and representation at outreach events
- Maintenance of enrollment and retention data of HPAC students
- Assist Alumni Affairs office in maintaining contact with program graduates
- Maintenance of application and acceptance rates for professional schools for advised students

Frequency of meetings: Monthly or as needed

Health Professions Advisory Committee Composition:

Number	Status	Process	Role	Other
8	Faculty	Appointed jointly by the Deans of the Schools of Behavioral and Natural Sciences and Health Sciences	Voting	The Provost will make final decisions on appointments if the Deans cannot reach agreement
2	Staff (Admission)	Appointed by the Associate Provost for Academic Support	Voting	
1	Staff (Career)	Appointed by the Associate Provost for Academic Support	Voting	

8) Mission & Belonging Committee

Charge: The Mission Committee of Mount St. Joseph University promotes and supports living the ideals and values of the mission by all members of the University community. The committee provides opportunities annually to learn and experience living the mission through programs, speakers, and events. The committee explores ways to integrate the legacy and heritage of the Sisters of Charity in all aspects of the University’s life.

Reporting Line: President

Chair: Chief Mission Officer or Designee

Responsibilities of the Mission Committee:

- To provide support and assistance to the Office of Mission Integration
- To oversee the selection and recognition of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Mission Awards and other programs recognizing employee participation in living the mission of the University

- To coordinate ongoing educational opportunities for the University community about the mission
- To interface with the Board of Trustees Mission and Vision Committee as requested
- To make recommendations to the President and the President’s Cabinet that enhance the University’s mission culture and activities

Frequency of meetings: Monthly or as needed

Mission & Belonging Committee Composition:

Number	Status	Process	Role	Other
1	Chief Mission Officer or Designee	Automatic	<i>Ex officio</i> , Chair	
1	Assistant Director of Center for Mission & Belonging	Automatic	<i>Ex officio</i>	
1	Program Director of Religious and Pastoral Studies	Automatic	<i>Ex officio</i>	
(4) Faculty	Faculty	3- Faculty are recommended by ECFA and appointed by the President 1-Faculty is ECFA elected and appointed by the President. They will serve as the faculty rep on M&V Board Committee	Voting	
1		Automatic	<i>Ex officio</i>	
3	Staff	Recommended by CRSA and appointed by the President	Voting	
2	Students	Recommended by Chair	Voting	
1	Sisters of Charity representative	Automatic	Voting	

9) Retention Committee

Charge: The Retention Committee of Mount St. Joseph University monitors student retention and continuation at the institution and ensures collaboration across all programs and departments in support of student retention and continuation. The committee regularly evaluates student retention and continuation data, develops strategies to improve outcomes, supports schools and/or departments to retain

students, and coordinates campus-wide efforts to support student continuation, retention, and success.

Reporting Line: President

Chair: Vice President for Enrollment

Responsibilities of the Retention Committee:

- To monitor data and trends for student retention and continuation at the institution
- To facilitate campus-wide collaboration for initiatives in support of student retention and continuation
- To evaluate the impact and/or success of strategies implemented at the institution to support student retention and continuation
- To implement initiatives to increase student retention and continuation, as needed
- To report to the President’s Cabinet about retention and continuation data and efforts
- To support and make recommendations to schools and/or departments to increase student retention and continuation

Frequency of meetings: Quarterly or as needed

Retention Committee Composition:

Number	Status	Process	Role	Other
1	Vice President for Enrollment	Automatic	<i>Ex officio</i> , Chair	
1	Provost	Automatic	Voting	
1	Associate Provost for Campus Technology	Automatic	Voting	
1	Director, First-Year Programming	Automatic	Voting	
1	Director, Academic Advising Resource Center	Automatic	Voting	
1	Chief Belonging & Experience Officer	Automatic	Voting	
1	Senior Director of Student Financial Services	Automatic	Voting	
1	Athletic Director or Assistant Athletic Director	Automatic	Voting	
1	Director, Institutional Research	Automatic	Voting	
1	Faculty	Appointed by the Provost	Voting	
1	Faculty	Appointed by the Provost		

10) Sustainability Committee

Charge: Sustainability is the practice of living and working so that we may meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. In keeping with the values and vision of the University, the Sustainability Committee assists the movement of the University community toward considerations that integrate environmental, economic, and socio-ethical perspectives.

Reporting Line: CFO

Chair: Chairperson or Co-chairpersons

Responsibilities of the Sustainability Committee:

- To encourage environmental, economic, and socio-ethical sustainability programs across all aspects of campus life
- To assist in engaging the campus in an ongoing dialogue about sustainability and instilling a culture of sustainable long-range planning
- To advise on the development and implementation of campus sustainability action plans
- To partner and collaborate with the Sisters of Charity and other community partners both on and off campus to promote social, environmental and economic sustainability in the community
- To advise and recommend actions and policy to the President and administrative officers of the University
- To seek funding and other resources, in coordination with the University Institutional Advancement division that will help to accomplish its mission

Frequency of meetings: Twice each semester or as needed.

Sustainability Committee Composition:

Number	Status	Process	Role	Other
	Chairperson or two Co-Chairs	Appointed by the President		
4	Faculty	Recommended by ECFA and appointed by the President	Voting	
4	Staff	Recommended by CRSA and appointed by the President	Voting	
3	Students	Recommended by the SGA and appointed by the President	Voting	
1-3	Sisters of Charity			

Other faculty, staff, students, Sisters of Charity, residents of Delhi Township and the surrounding communities, and members of local environmental groups or other appropriate organizations are welcome to attend Sustainability Committee meetings and may serve on sub-committees as determined by the Chairperson.

11) Wellness, Health and Safety Committee

Charge: To promote a safe and healthy environment that encourages the Eight Dimensions of Wellness (Emotional, Spiritual, Intellectual, Physical, Environmental, Financial, Occupational, and Social); by providing universal prevention strategies and educational resources for students, faculty, and staff to promote and sustain success for all members of the Mount Community.

In order to meet federal compliance requirements of The Drug Free Schools and Communities Act (34 CFR, EDGAR Part 86) and the Violence Against Women ACT (VAWA), the committee designs and implements holistic, prevention programming for students focused on all dimensions of Wellness. The committee membership is divided into three sub-committees responsible for policy review and outreach program implementation and assessment that will promote optimal health for the campus community.

1. Alcohol, tobacco and other drug use;
2. Campus safety including sexual violence, and
3. Other dimensions of wellness

Reporting Line: Provost

Chair: Co-Chairs, Director of Wellness Center and Faculty Member

Responsibilities of the Wellness, Health and Safety Committee:

- To seek funding and other resources, in coordination with the University, that will help to accomplish its mission
- To ensure compliance to the federal requirements mandated by the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA):
 - yearly notification of campus AOD policies to faculty, staff and students
 - biennial review of University wide prevention efforts
- Create annual Prevention Plan for campus community

Frequency of meetings: Once a month

Wellness, Health and Safety Committee Composition:

Number	Status	Process	Role	Other
	Wellness Center Director	Automatic	<i>Ex officio</i>	Co-Chair
	MSJ Chief of Police	Automatic	<i>Ex officio</i>	
	Title IX Coordinator	Automatic	<i>Ex officio</i>	
	Director of Student Leadership & Residence Life	Automatic	<i>Ex officio, Voting</i>	
	Student Athletic Advisory Committee Advisor	Automatic	<i>Ex officio</i>	
1	Representative from Office of Human Resources	Automatic	<i>Ex officio</i>	
1	Administrative/Professional Staff	Selected by the CRSA. Appointed by the President	Voting	

3	Faculty	Recommended by ECFA and approved by the Provost	Voting	At least one from Health Sciences. At least one to serve as Co-Chair
1	Student	Recommended by SGA or Dean of Students.		One-year term.
1	Student	Resident Assistant recommended by Dean of Students.		One-year term.
1	Student	Student Athlete recommended by Student Athletic Advisory Committee Advisor.		One-year term.
1	Student	Graduate Student recommended by Graduate Council.		One-year term.