

The University of Texas School of Law

1. What are the major standing school faculty governance units?

Appointments Committee:
 Entry-level Committee
 Lateral Committee
Budget Committee
Computer Services Committee
Curriculum Committee
Emerging Scholars Committee
Graduate Studies Committee
International Programs
Law Review Review Committee
Standards and Rules Committee
 Standards and Rules Subcommittee
Tenure Committee

The Dean appoints faculty members to these committees.

2. Does the school have general faculty meetings?

The School of Law has general, but not regularly scheduled, faculty meetings. The Law School does not have a minimum number of meetings per year or term. The Dean chairs all faculty meetings. A quorum consists of a majority of the persons entitled to vote in person plus those actually casting absentee ballots.

The Law School does not limit the type of actions that can be taken at a meeting. The Assistant to the Dean records the meetings and the records are kept in the Dean's Suite. The Dean of the Law School is the only person who calls a general faculty meeting and does so by providing notice to all tenured and tenure-track faculty members a week prior to the meeting. Faculty members who wish to have an agenda placed on a general faculty meeting can do so by contacting the Dean for approval. All tenured and tenure-track members of the faculty can vote on general matters. Only tenured members of the faculty can vote on tenure decisions. Voting by proxy is allowed for all meetings to vote on tenure, promotion, and appointing new members to the faculty as long as the absentee faculty member reads the candidate's file and signs an absentee ballot attesting to that fact.

3. What are the procedures for considering general academic policies?¹

Faculty members are appointed by the Dean to serve on the Law School's Curriculum Committee. Proposals for major curricular changes are presented to the Dean by way of a Committee report. The Dean then circulates the Committee report to the faculty. If a matter is likely to be uncontroversial, the Dean may seek faculty approval via e-mail. In such instances, however, a faculty meeting will be scheduled if there is significant objection to the proposal. For all other matters, a faculty meeting is automatically scheduled. Faculty members who are eligible to vote can then discuss the proposed curricular changes both informally and at the meeting before a vote is taken.

4. Where are the school procedures posted on the school's web site? Is this location clearly labeled for access by the faculty?
As of now, we have not posted the information on the law school web site.

5. When did the general faculty approve these school faculty governance procedures?

These procedures have been in place for a number of years and predate the current Dean, Associate Dean, and Assistant to the Dean.