



Rule

12.04.99.L1 Faculty Advisory Council

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Rule Statement and Reason for Rule

Texas A&M International University (TAMIU) acknowledges the vital role of faculty engagement and the value of a faculty-only representative body for participation in matters directly related to the academic programs of TAMIU. The Faculty Advisory Council (FAC) serves as a collective voice of the faculty, offering direct input to university leadership in a way that is transparent, forward-looking, and aligned with TAMIU's mission and strategic priorities.

This rule serves to outline the composition and operations of the Faculty Advisory Council in compliance with [System Policy 12.04, Faculty Advisory Council](#) and with state law.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. Establishment of a Faculty Advisory Council.

The Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System established TAMIU's FAC in System Policy 12.04, *Faculty Advisory Council*, FAC effective November 1, 2025. The FAC will serve in an advisory role to the President on matters directly related to TAMIU's academic programs, including curricula and instruction, and promotion and tenure, and will operate in compliance with [Texas Education Code § 51.3522](#) (faculty council law).

2. Membership

2.1 All full-time faculty members below the level of department head are eligible to serve on the FAC.

2.1.1 As used herein, the term "Faculty" or "The Faculty" or any indication of "membership" is inclusive of all tenured, tenure-track, fixed-term faculty, and librarians with faculty status below the level of department head.

2.2 The size of the FAC will not exceed the limits prescribed in System Policy 12.04.

3. Appointment, Election, and Terms of Office

- 3.1 The President will first appoint one representative from each of the university's colleges/schools and from the Sue & Radcliffe Killam Library.
- 3.2 Colleges/schools and the library will then conduct elections in the spring semester to select one faculty representative from each department. Eligible faculty members seeking election to the FAC will first be nominated by the faculty of their department or be self-nominated for inclusion on the annual ballot. In colleges or schools with multiple departments, all departmental nominees will be placed on the college-wide ballot for election. All eligible faculty within that college or school will vote for a nominee from each department, regardless of departmental affiliation. Faculty members may vote only within their respective college/school.
- 3.3 Representatives appointed by the President may serve up to six consecutive one-year terms and then may only be reappointed after the second anniversary of the last day of the member's most recent term.
- 3.4 Elected representatives will serve two-year, staggered terms such that approximately one-half of the elected members are elected annually and may only be reelected after the second anniversary of the last day of the member's most recent term.
 - 3.4.1 Following the first election which may be held in the fall semester, seven of the members will serve for one year while eight of the members will serve for two years. This determination will be made by lot as the first item of business at the first meeting and will be presided over by the University President or his appointed representative.
- 3.5 Members of the FAC may be immediately removed from the Council as follows:
 - (a) failing to conduct his/her responsibilities within the Council's parameters,
 - (b) failing to attend Council meetings, or
 - (c) engaging in other similar misconduct.

The process for removing members of the FAC for the grounds stated in this section requires the recommendation of the Provost and approval by the President.

4. Officers

- 4.1 The TAMIU President will appoint the FAC presiding officer, associate presiding officer, and secretary from the members of the FAC.
- 4.2 The voting members of the FAC—defined as those who are appointed and elected—will select the Parliamentary/Election Officer by majority vote during the first meeting of the academic year.

- 4.3 The FAC Executive Committee will consist of the presiding officer, associate presiding officer, and secretary.

5. Meetings

- 5.1 The FAC will meet monthly during the academic year or more frequently as determined by its Executive Committee or the TAMIU President.
- 5.2 Meetings will be presided over by the FAC presiding officer who will also represent the FAC in official communications with TAMIU and/or TAMUS administration.
- 5.3 All meetings of the FAC will be open to all faculty members. A quorum will be established when at least 50% of the total membership are in attendance. If a quorum is in attendance, the meeting will be open to the public.
- 5.4 All meetings of the FAC will be streamed over the Internet with live video and audio.
- 5.5 At least seven calendar days before each meeting, the FAC will post on the FAC webpage of the TAMIU website:
- (a) an agenda with sufficient detail to indicate the items to be discussed or subject to a vote, and
 - (b) any curriculum proposals reviewed by the FAC that will be discussed or voted on at the meeting.
- 5.6 The names of members in attendance must be recorded at a meeting in which the FAC conducts business related to:
- (a) a vote of no confidence regarding a TAMIU or TAMUS administrator, or
 - (b) policies related to curriculum and academic standards.

6. FAC Roles and Responsibilities

- 6.1 The FAC will review, deliberate, and provide recommendations to the Provost and President on matters that affect the academic mission, institutional effectiveness, the welfare of the faculty, and other matters directly related to the academic programs of the university.
- 6.2 The FAC will conduct its work through committees to address academic issues such as faculty welfare, academic policies, professional development, governance, communication, and other matters of institutional importance.
- 6.2.1 The FAC Executive Committee will oversee the formation and operation of these committees to ensure that faculty concerns are addressed effectively and that the work of the FAC remains responsive to the evolving needs of the University.

Related Statutes, Policies, Regulations, and SAP's

[Texas Education Code § 51.3522](#) (as enacted by S.B. 37, § 2.02 effective September 1, 2025).

[System Policy 12.04, Faculty Advisory Council.](#)

Definitions

Faculty Advisory Council: A representative faculty organization.

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