

Academic, Research and Student Success Committee Charter

Purpose

The Academic, Research and Student Success Committee (“ARSS”) oversees the academic enterprise of the university and issues relating to student affairs and success. Specifically, the committee facilitates the Board of Trustee’s commitment to the university’s vision of enhanced recognition as one of America’s great metropolitan research universities, noted for its comprehensive, innovative academic programs and for capitalizing on its urban setting and region to address the challenges of our global society. The committee, in collaboration with academic leaders, strives to advance the mission of the university as a learner-centered university that provides high-quality educational experiences while generating new knowledge via research productivity, scholarly/creative/artistic activities, interdisciplinary and engaged scholarship. The committee also oversees matters related to student success including services and resources to increase recruitment, retention, persistence, completion rates and satisfaction.

Authority and Responsibilities

The committee serves to:

1. Ensure, protect and advance the educational quality of the University and its academic programs;
2. Monitor progress towards the University’s academic performance measures;
3. Advise the Board regarding major changes to the academic programs of the University, such as the creation, merger or closure of degree programs, schools or colleges within the University;
4. Establish policies and procedures related to faculty appointment, tenure and promotion; and
5. Establish policies, programs, and procedures affecting students and campus life, including but not limited to student conduct, student housing, campus environment, and student engagement that seek to enhance the educational experiences for all students.
6. Recommendations for institutional allocations of funding for research support and development;
7. Recommendations on policies and procedures intended to enhance the development of UM research activities and resources, and to support the competitiveness of the research program relative to peer institutions;
8. Proposals for new research centers, other new research programs or significant modifications to existing research programs;
9. Review of the Office of Technology Transfer.

Composition

In addition to the Trustee members as determined by the Board, the Provost, the Vice President for Research and the Vice President for Student Affairs shall serve as ex-officio members of the committee.