Standing Committees

- Meetings
- Committee Makeup
- Function/Jurisdiction

Academic Affairs Committee

- 3rd Monday of the month 3:00 PM, FS Con Room 205D, YMCA
- Members are appointed by Speaker with advice of the EC
- This committee has the responsibility to study policies, procedures, and regulations and to recommend actions in the following areas: curriculum and instruction; academic standards, including admissions, graduation and retention; honors; and other matters affecting academic matters.

Budget Information Committee

- 2nd Wednesday of the month 3:00 PM, FS Con Room 205D YMCA
- Members are appointed by Speaker with advice of the EC
- This committee has the following duties and responsibilities:
  1) To study the University budget and become thoroughly familiar with its structure, provisions, and development.
  2) To provide advice to and obtain information from the Vice President for Finance, other Vice Presidents, the Executive Vice president and Provost, other officers and the President relating to the University budget.
  3) To advise and recommend action on any issue pertaining to the development and content of the University budget to the Executive Committee of the Senate and to the Faculty Senate as a whole.

Bylaws Committee

- As needed
- One senator from each unit elected by caucus
- The Bylaws Committee shall formulate and present the Bylaws to the Senate. The committee shall also consider and make recommendations on all amendments or changes referred to the committee by the Senate or proposed to the committee by other committees or by individuals.

Caucus Leaders Committee

- Meet as needed and scheduled by the caucus leader
- Elected caucus leaders from the units and a member of the EC appointed by the EC. The EC member will convene the committee which will elect its chairperson The Caucus Leaders Committee shall facilitate informal communication among the various units and between those units and the Executive Committee on matters of broad importance to the faculty.

Committee on Recognition and Awards

- As needed
- One senator from each unit elected by caucus
- The CoR&A shall select nominees for the various university awards.

Core Curriculum Council

- 3rd Wednesday of the month 3:00 PM, FS Con Room 205D, YMCA
- Members appointed by Speaker with advice of the EC. Reps for the Dean of Undergraduate Programs and Office of Institutional Assessment shall serve as non-voting, ex-officio members
- This committee shall establish requirements for, and recommend to the Senate courses to be included in the core curriculum to satisfy:
  1. State Coordinating Board requirements in:
     Communications
     Mathematics
     Natural Sciences
     Humanities and Visual Arts
     Social and Behavioral Sciences
2. The University graduation requirement for International and Cultural Diversity. The committee shall also establish criteria for evaluation and review, and to recommend to the Senate renewal or non-renewal of existing courses on a regular basis. The committee shall establish and implement methods for assessing the success of the core curriculum in meeting Coordinating Board and SACS standards.

**Election Committee**
- As needed
- One senator from each unit elected by caucus
- The Election Committee shall conduct elections of the Senate, of Senate officers, and of EC members, consistent with the Constitution and Bylaws. The Election Committee shall develop election procedures consistent with the Constitution and other bylaws for the consideration of the Senate. These procedures shall provide for a secret ballot except when the number of nominees for Senate officers or committees is equal to the number of positions to be filled. When the number of nominees is equal to the number of positions to be filled, the nominees may be elected by voice vote.

**Executive Committee**
- Meeting time: Every 1st and 3rd Monday, 12:00
- Elected by the Senate from current senators
- The EC shall advise the Speaker, assist in the administration and planning of Senate meetings, be responsible for, implement the decisions and programs of the Senate, and act as directed by the Senate. The EC shall have the power to act for the Senate in case of an emergency. All such actions shall be reported to the Senate at its next meeting

**Government Relations Committee**
- 1st Wednesday of Month 3:00 PM, FS Con Room 205D, YMCA
- Members appointed by Speaker with advice of the EC. The A&M VP for Governmental Affairs and the VP for Fed and Institutional Affairs or reps from those offices shall be ex-officio members
- This committee shall annually review and report to the Senate proposed legislation that may impact the educational process or employee benefits and working conditions. The committee may meet with local legislators to promote or discuss potential legislation.

**Planning Committee**
- 4th Wednesday of the month 3:00 PM, FS room 205D, YMCA
- Members appointed by Speaker with advice of the EC.
- This committee has the responsibility to study policies, procedures, and regulations and to recommend actions in the following areas:
  1) Policies affecting University development and use of resources.
  2) Establishment, reorganization or discontinuation, of organizational units/areas of instruction, research, or administration.
  3) Libraries, computing, and other support facilities affecting the academic environment.
  4) Physical Plant and facilities affecting the academic environment.
  5) Other related matters relating to planning.

**Research Committee**
- 1st Monday of the month 3:00 PM, FS Con room 205D YMCA
- Members appointed by Speaker with advice of the EC.
- This committee has the responsibility to study policies, procedures, and regulations and to recommend actions in the following areas:
  1) External funding of research
  2) Internal funding and distribution of research funds
  3) Travel related to soliciting, conducting, and presentation of research
  4) Libraries, computing, and other support facilities affecting the environment
  5) Publication or other means of disseminating research findings.
  6) Copyrights and patents
  7) Other matters affecting the conduct and dissemination of research.
Workplace Climate & Diversity Committee

- 4th Monday of the month 3:00 PM, FS Con Room 205D YMCA
- Members appointed by Speaker with advice of the EC. A member of University Staff Council to serve as non-voting ex-officio member
- This committee has the responsibility to study policies, procedures, and regulations and to recommend actions in the following areas:
  1) Hiring, retention, tenure, promotion, and evaluation of academic personnel.
  2) Hiring, retention, promotion, and evaluation of support personnel and graduate assistants.
  3) Benefits for academic and support personnel.
  4) Faculty development.
  5) Other matters relating to University personnel and welfare.