

ANNUAL REPORT

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

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I. Executive Summary

The committee held an e-business meeting to select a vice chair and review a request by the Council of Deans. See details as noted below.

II. The Committee's Charge (from the Shared Governance Document)

To originate, review, recommend, and report in the following areas: Academic and/or Student Affairs policies and issues as received from the SGEC and Student recruitment, retention, and admissions

2. To communicate its deliberations and findings through the Provost & VPAA to the President, and after discussion with the President, to the university community.
3. To handle any proposals the committee may make affective university policy according to section C.2 "Shared Governance Procedure for Policy Change Recommendations"
4. To submit a final written report electronically by the first day of the fall semester to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs with a copy sent to the Chair of the SGEC

III. The Committee met on the following dates:

The committee met via e-business on 9/23/2025

IV. What were the Committee's actions and accomplishments this year relative to each of the items of the charge?

The committee reviewed the Council of Academic Deans' request, and voting members unanimously recommended that the Shared Governance Executive Committee establish a Work Group to review the University's Academic Dishonesty Policy. The SGEC was informed of the committee's decision.

V. What were the Committee's formal recommendations?

The committee supported COAD's request that the Shared Governance Executive Committee establish a Work Group to review the University's Academic Dishonesty Policy.

VI. What does the Committee plan to accomplish?

A. In the coming year?

The committee will continue to evaluate issues as noted in the committee charge. The committee also anticipates recommendations for changes to the committee's charge and membership from the SGEC's evaluation of shared governance committees across UNA.

B. In future years?

Continued evaluation of the committee charge and effectiveness within Shared Governance at UNA.

VII. What are the Committee's weaknesses?

Large committee with approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ of the membership being nonvoting, appointed by position. This makes the committee's assembly difficult, as well as obtaining a quorum for voting.

A. What can the Shared Governance Committee help you do to address the weaknesses?

Provide recommendations and potential revisions for the committee membership; ensuring that all needed areas have representation.

VIII. Comments

No additional comments.