Shared Governance

- Territorial Act (1889): The faculty, the president, and the regents are jointly responsible for governing the university.

- NWCCU, Standard 2.A.1: (The institution) decision-making structures and processes make provision for the consideration of the views of faculty, staff, administrators, and students on matters in which they have a direct and reasonable interest.
Almost anyone at the university
Faculty Senate and the UI faculty at large have broad power over policy-making at UI. Policies must be approved by Senate and the university faculty to become part of the FSH.

As the elected representatives of the faculty, Senate can speak for the faculty as a whole to influence major internal and external forces and initiatives affecting UI. If FSH policies are not involved, the faculty is a constituency along with others (ASUI, Staff Council, UI Administration, alumni).

Faculty Senate is less able to address issues that are college, department or constituent-specific and that are not related to FSH policies.
Committees in Shared Governance

Committee Structure. The university faculty, through the Faculty Senate, establishes and maintains all university-wide and interdivisional standing and special committees, subcommittees, councils, boards, and similar bodies necessary to the immediate government of the university and provides for the appointment or election of members of such bodies (with the exception of ad hoc advisory committees appointed by the president or committees made up of primarily administrators) (FSH 1520).
Role of Committees

- Committees are how faculty are able to influence UI policy and procedure.
- Faculty Governance depends on our committees
  - To identify issues that need to be addressed on campus,
  - To address issues referred to the committee by the Senate or by Senate Leadership, and
  - To develop and vet policy and procedure amendments and proposals.
Committee Involvement in FSH Policy Process

- Committees keep the Faculty Secretary’s Office informed of policy work. The FS tracks all policy changes.
- The FS Office:
  - Provides support to committees on policy drafting.
  - Ensures that policy proposals are reviewed by General Counsel and other interested stakeholders.
  - Ensures that a complete and accurate proposal is presented to Senate in a timely fashion.
  - Ensures that the experts necessary to answer Senate questions are on hand when proposals are presented to Senate.
- Senate reviews, returns to committee, sends to another committee, and/or approves.
APM Provisions

- The APM provisions are developed primarily by administrative units across campus and are approved by the Vice President in charge of the administrative unit, General Counsel and the President.

- The Faculty Secretary Office assists administrative units with drafting, ensures that APMs do not conflict with the FSH and ensures the accuracy of the online APM.

- Faculty Senate does not approve APM provisions. The Faculty Secretary’s Office in consultation with Senate and Staff Leadership, determine whether changes in APMs should be forwarded to Senate and Staff Council for comment.

- APM provisions are placed on the UFM agenda for information and communication purposes. APMs do not have to be approved by the UFM.
Timeline

Committee Proposal | Sponsor/Stakeholders/Faculty Secretary/General Counsel Review

Allow a minimum of 2 weeks for FS & GC review – longer if they have not been previously consulted on the policy!

Faculty Senate | University Faculty Meeting

The last Faculty Senate meeting at which policies can be approved for inclusion on the UFM agenda is 2 weeks prior to the UFM.

President
2018-2019 Policy Dates & Deadlines -- FSH

- FS - every Tuesday 3:30-5:00 (pacific) beginning 8/21
- October 30 – last date to submit an FSH policy to the Faculty Secretary’s Office for inclusion on the Fall UFM Agenda. Note, more than two weeks for review may be required and the policy may be returned to the committee for further consideration. Also, be aware controversial policies have taken 2+ Senate meetings to discuss.
- November 13 – Last Faculty Senate meeting to approve FSH policies for possible inclusion on the Fall UFM Agenda
- December 5 – Fall UFM meeting – 3:00-4:30
- April 2 – last date to submit an FSH policy to the Faculty Secretary Office for inclusion on the Spring UFM Agenda. Note, more that two weeks for review may be required and the policy may be returned to the committee for further consideration or forwarded to others for review.
- April 16 – Last Faculty Senate meeting to approve policies for possible inclusion on the Spring UFM Agenda
- May 1 – Spring UFM meeting – 3:00-4:30