

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY ACADEMIC SENATE POLICY, 3356-10-10

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 3345.457 (September 30, 2025) established expectations of institutions of higher education on many matters pertaining to the operations of such institutions; and

WHEREAS, Youngstown State University is such an institution in the State of Ohio as described in ORC 3345.457; and

WHEREAS, ORC 3345.457 stipulates the Board of Trustees of each state institution of higher education has ultimate authority to establish new academic programs, schools, colleges, institutes, departments, and centers at the institution. Notwithstanding anything in section 3333.0420 of the Revised Code to the contrary, the board of trustees may not delegate the board's authority to adopt a curricular approval process under this section or to approve or reject academic programs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees shall grant the faculty senate, or comparable representative body, the opportunity to provide advice, feedback, and recommendations on the establishment and modification of academic programs, curricula, courses, general education requirements, and degree programs; and clarify that all feedback and recommendations by the faculty senate, or comparable representative body, is advisory in nature; and retain the board's final, overriding authority to approve or reject any establishment or modification of academic programs, curricula, courses, general education requirements, and degree programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the modification of the University Policy stated above and attached hereto.

3356-10-10 Academic senate.

Responsible Division/Office: Academic Affairs
Responsible Officer: Provost and VP of Academic Affairs
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Board Committee: Academic Excellence and Student Success
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- (A) Policy statement. Under authority delegated to the academic senate of Youngstown state university by the board of trustees, “In recognition of the essential role of the faculty in the development of policies concerning the academic functions and activities of the university, it is appropriate for the senate to provide advice regarding the development of new policies, or changes in existing policies, integral and essential to the academic functions and activities of the university.” (See “Academic Senate Charter Preamble.”)

Per rule 3356-10-25 of the Administrative Code, “Curricular approval policy,” policies involving academic programs, curricula, courses, general education requirements, degree programs, and organization units, including schools, colleges, institutes, departments, and centers will be reviewed by the provost and if recommended, presented to the board of trustees for approval.

- (B) Purpose. To acknowledge the academic senate as an integral part of the governance structure of the university and to recognize the essential role and responsibility of the faculty.
- (C) Parameters. The academic senate establishes bylaws for its own operation, which are consistent with its charter and the mission of the university.
- (D) Procedures.
- (1) Operating procedures for the academic senate are found in the charter of the academic senate and bylaws of the academic senate.

- (2) Amendments to the charter of the academic senate, passed in accordance with relevant articles within the charter, are presented to the president, or designee, and the board of trustees for action.
- (3) Amendments to the bylaws of the academic senate, which are recommended by the academic senate, are forwarded to the provost and, if recommended, presented at a regular meeting of the board of trustees.
- (4) Copies of the charter of the academic senate and the current bylaws are available on the university's academic senate website.