

## ACADEMIC GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Reporting to:	Reports regularly to the FPSE President and the Presidents' Council.
Composition:	<p>The Academic Governance Committee (AGC) will be composed of one designated representative from each local and the FPSE President or Secretary-Treasurer or designate.</p> <p>A member will be appointed by the Executive Committee, with voice but without vote, to act as liaison between the Standing Committee, the Executive, and Presidents' Council.</p> <p>The Non-Regular Faculty Committee may appoint one person to the Committee.</p>
Term of Appointment	Committee members will normally be appointed for a term of two years.
Meetings:	Such meetings as are required to fulfill its responsibilities, limited only by the funding allocated to the Committee. The Committee may substitute or include a workshop or conference for a meeting.
Chairperson:	<p>The Committee shall elect a new Chairperson, for a 2-year term, at the last meeting of the Committee held prior to the convening of the Annual General Meeting and Convention.</p> <p>The Committee shall endeavour to elect a Chairperson who has served on the Committee a previous term as a local representative.</p> <p>The Chairperson is a voting member of the Committee.</p> <p>The Chairperson or designate shall have observer status at meetings of the Presidents' Council with voice but no vote. The responsibility of the Chairperson includes attendance by the Chairperson or designate at the Presidents' Council meeting immediately subsequent to a meeting of the Committee or upon request of the FPSE President.</p> <p>The Chairperson shall attend the Annual General Meeting and Convention.</p> <p>The Convention shall provide orientation and planning opportunities for Committee Chairpersons and facilitate their meeting as a group.</p> <p>The duly elected Chairperson of the Committee must be the designated representative of a local to continue being Chairperson</p>
Observers:	By invitation of the Chair.
Quorum:	A majority of those member locals that have appointed AGC representatives.
Voting:	Positions adopted by consensus among designated representatives; otherwise by simple majority of those voting.
Funds:	As allocated in the annual budget.

Policy Statement: The interest and work of the Academic Governance Committee includes but is not limited to all governance structures, institutional systems of peer review, and decision-making processes at all levels. Collegiality is a fundamental condition of academic work.<sup>1</sup> The FPSE Academic Governance Standing Committee seeks to assist Presidents' Council and FPSE in identifying and addressing matters related to academic governance at member locals' institutions. Academic governance matters influence collective agreement language, pedagogy, education curricula and discipline, as well as workload and working conditions. This committee will work to advance a broader understanding by members of locals of how they can become more active participants in the academic governance practices at their respective institutions.

- Responsibilities:
1. Develop a general long or short-term plan of activities when requested or necessary and present this plan to the Presidents' Council. Plan and arrange activities or projects dealing with education policy, faculty access to professional development, scholarly activities, and academic governance.
  2. Advise Presidents' Council on education policy, professional development, scholarly activities, and academic governance matters as they pertain to bargaining and contract administration.
  3. To review literature and trends in academic governance and disseminate information to member locals on education policy, professional development, scholarly activities, and academic governance needs and activities, which shall include regularly updated reports from members.
  4. Support designated Academic Governance Committee representatives by facilitating educational opportunities pertaining to academic governance.
  5. Review the initiatives of federal and provincial ministries and related organizations relevant to Academic Governance Committee activities.
  6. Work collaboratively with organizations and institutions, including federal and provincial ministries and education organizations, involved in education policy, professional development, scholarly activities, and academic governance activities for post-secondary educators.
  7. Support faculty in engaging in all aspects of professional development, scholarly activities, and academic governance.
  8. Review the Terms of Reference periodically and revise as necessary.

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<sup>1</sup> This is derived from the CAUT policy of collegiality:  
<https://web.archive.org/web/20230222204456/https://www.caut.ca/about-us/caut-policy/lists/caut-policy-statements/policy-statement-on-collegiality>