Structure of the Faculty Senate Task Force

For this complex project, a tri-part committee structure was established.

List of Committee members.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee is charged with overseeing the review and proposed revisions of the relevant Faculty Code provisions and oversees two work groups: Values and Principles Committee and Legal and Regulations. In summary, the Steering Committee, made up of a mix of representatives of faculty and administrative leadership is responsible for reviewing all recommendations by the workgroups and ensuring that all appropriate University constituencies have been consulted with and engaged in the development of the proposals.

Co-chairs: Zoe Barsness, former Chair of the Faculty Senate, and Mike Townsend, Secretary of the Faculty.

Values and Principles Work Group

The Values and Principles Work Group, made up of a majority of faculty, many of whom have served in roles within the current system, was charged with identifying and clearly articulating the values and guiding principles that would serve as the foundational framework for the revisions to the Faculty Code and related policies. It was also charged with assessing the landscape of discipline and dispute resolution processes, including reviewing peer institutions.

Chair: Zoe Barsness, former Chair of the Faculty Senate.

Legal and Regulations Work Group

The Legal and Regulations Work Group (aka the Drafting Committee) has been tasked with developing Class A Legislation consistent with the draft models developed through the work of the Task Force. The work group, made up of a small group of individuals with experience in policy development and relevant state and federal laws and other legal frameworks relating to discipline and dispute resolution, is also responsible for identifying and raising legal and compliance issues relating to the draft models.

Chair: Mike Townsend, Secretary of the Faculty.