

Governmental Compliance Advisory Committee

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Charge

The Governmental Compliance Advisory Committee serves as a confidential advisory body to the provost and other senior university officials on matters affecting the academic mission of Emory University in response to governmental directives, policies, or regulatory developments — present, pending, or anticipated. In its engagements with administration, the committee represents settled principles of shared governance at Emory, including positions previously adopted by the Faculty Council or Senate. When asked to advise on matters beyond these established principles, the committee may seek broader guidance from the Faculty Council, the Senate, and the faculty at large as it deems appropriate and practical.

The committee is a standing committee of the Faculty Council.

Membership and Rules

The committee shall consist of five full-time faculty members at the Associate Rank or above drawn from multiple schools and divisions of the university; exact proportional representation across schools is neither required nor expected given the diversity of Emory's organizational structure. The chair will be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Faculty Council; membership will be collaboratively determined by the GCAC and Faculty Council chair and presented to the Faculty Council for approval. Serving multiple consecutive terms is permitted to ensure continuity and institutional memory, provided that no member shall serve more than five consecutive years. To ensure gradual renewal, at least one member shall be replaced each year.

The chair is appointed according to current Faculty Council rules, currently for a three-year term, and shall not serve more than one term as chair. All other members are appointed according to current Faculty Council rules and serve one-year terms, renewable for multiple consecutive terms. A quorum consists of three members present and voting. Formal votes are reserved for procedural matters, such as the adoption of bylaws; on substantive advisory matters, the committee may present a range of views or advice rather than a single formal position.

In addition to the five voting members, the Faculty Council Chair and the Faculty Counselor to the Board of Trustees Committee on Audit and Compliance serve as ex officio members. Any ex officio member may be excluded from individual meetings at the explicit discretion of the chair, owing to the sensitive nature of matters under discussion. Members shall recuse themselves from discussions in which they have a specific personal or financial stake in the matter at hand, as distinct from a general interest shared with the broader faculty.

The committee may adopt its own operating bylaws consistent with the general rules of the Faculty Council. Owing to the sometimes sensitive nature of the matters it handles, committee members are expected to maintain the confidentiality of information shared in the course of their work. The committee shall report to the Faculty Council Executive Committee or to the full Faculty Council at least once per year; such reports shall address the committee's general activities and principles rather than the specifics of individual deliberations.