

COUNCIL ON THE ACADEMIC ENVIRONMENT

A Standing Council of the School of Dental Medicine Senate

Name of Council: Council on the Academic Environment

Composition: The Council on the Academic Environment shall consist of six faculty members, four of whom are from School of Dental Medicine (SDM) Clinical Departments and two from Basic Science Departments. Eligibility for Council membership is restricted to voting faculty who do not hold simultaneous administrative appointments.

Selection: The selection of the Council shall be by the two-ballot method². Each Council member shall serve three years, with two members elected each year. Initially, two members will serve for one year, two for two years and two for three years. The initial terms of office will be determined by lottery. No faculty member may serve more than two consecutive terms.

Election of Council members shall take place in June, and the election shall be conducted by the Senate Chairperson. The newly-elected committee members will assume their duties on July 1. Vacancies shall be filled for the period of the unexpired term by a special election.

The Council chairperson shall be selected by the committee members.

Reports to: The Council reports to the SDM Senate. The Council chairperson will meet with the Steering Committee at least quarterly to report on the Council's activities. Minutes of the Council meetings, and recommendations approved by the Senate, shall be posted on the Senate website which will be accessible to all faculty, and to enrolled students/residents.

Duties: The duties of this Council are to discuss matters of significant interest to the faculty and to relay its findings and views to the Senate. Such matters are specifically defined neither in the University Laws and By-Laws nor in the Guidelines of the SDM.

Approved by BOD: June 11, 2007