



## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT COMMITTEE Of the Arizona Board of Regents**

### A. Purpose

To assist the Board of Regents in achieving the goals of the Arizona University System Enterprise Plan and to fulfill the Board's statutory roles related to academic and student affairs.

### B. Meetings

1. A minimum of 2 meetings shall be held during each academic year.
2. Additional meetings will be scheduled as needed.

### C. Authority and Responsibilities

The Academic Affairs and Educational Attainment Committee shall act on behalf of or recommend to the Board actions related to achieving the academic priorities outlined in the Arizona University System Enterprise Plan related to academic quality, student learning outcomes, and productivity.

The committee will be supported by the board office Vice President and the Associate Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, working together with each university's Provost, vice presidents for student affairs, vice presidents for enrollment management, and other key university leadership as appropriate.

#### Specific Responsibilities Include:

1. Approve Academic Strategic Plans. Review and approve annual Academic Strategic Plan that is embedded in the Operations and Financial Review (OFR) for each institution to ensure the plans are focused on student learning outcomes, and are aligned with the goals of the Enterprise Plan, the needs of the state and the university's business plan.
2. Provide oversight of program quality. Review Academic Program Reviews as outlined in Board policy; evaluate university efforts to implement recommended changes for quality improvement by external evaluators

such as accrediting agencies and increased productivity where appropriate.

3. **Accountability.** Regularly require universities to report their progress on the Enterprise metrics related to academic and student affairs, including enrollment, graduation, student learning, and financial aid distribution and forward to the Board recommendations on those areas that continually fail to progress. Include strategic discussions about the metrics and a clear directive, action plan, and/or policy reform or other decision to ensure progress.
4. **Affordability.** Oversee and promote the system's priorities for affordable education including pathway options, online programs and competency based education, and financial aid.
5. **Education Pipeline.** Oversee and promote the system's responsibility for improving the educational pipeline, including community college relations and transfer articulation and alignment with the K-12 system; recommend to the Board, as appropriate, initiatives to improve the pipeline.
6. **Intercollegiate Athletics.** Review the university system athletic programs and make policy recommendations to the Board as needed regarding intercollegiate athletics and the student athlete experience.
7. **Student Experience: Monitor factors and situations related to the overall safety and wellbeing of students on campus.**
8. **Policy Oversight for Academic Affairs and Educational Attainment.** Execute the committee's responsibilities for ABOR Policy Manual; review and recommend changes to Board policies related to academic and student affairs.
9. **Statutory Requirements.** Execute the Board's statutory and policy responsibilities as outlined in state and federal law:
  - Approval of annual financial aid report
  - Approval of enrollment reports
  - Approval of annual report on transfer articulation