

University Governance Council Charge & Membership 2023-2024

UGC Charge: The University Governance Council (the Council) plays an important role in governance at the University of Scranton. Comprised of the leadership of each of the three representative senates, or their designates, the Council serves as a coordinating structure to review institutional policies, sending its recommendations to the President's Cabinet, the chief policy and decision-making body of the University. The UGC is convened by the Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The Convener serves as the UGC's administrative liaison** to the President's Cabinet, charged to carry the Council's feedback and recommendations to the Cabinet, and likewise conveying information from the Cabinet to the Council. The Assistant Provost for Planning and Institutional Effectiveness provides administrative support for governance and policy activities.

In addition to institutional policy duties, the UGC also provides an important communication link between administration and representative governing bodies. It also provides a forum for the three governing bodies – Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and Student Government – to have opportunity to discuss other University issues and senate/constituent initiatives with one another.

Dr. Michelle Maldonado, Provost & Senior VP Academic Affairs; Convener/Liaison to President's Cabinet

Joseph Agnone, Student Government

Dr. Chris Baumann, Faculty Senate

Dr. Bryan Burnham, Faculty Senate*

Brian Castrogiovanni, Student Government

Kym Fetsko, Staff Senate

Kristi Klien, Staff Senate

Dr. Bill Miller, Faculty Senate

Mark Murphy, Staff Senate*

Buse Onat, Student Government (Fall 2023)

Morgan Ryan, Student Government (Spring 2024)

Karla Shaffer, Student Government*

Dr. Andrew Venezia, Faculty Senate

Traci Vennie, Staff Senate

Support: Kate Yerkes, Assistant Provost, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness

** Indicates individual is president/chair of their respective senate.*

***Each senate has an administrative liaison to the Cabinet for non-policy issues. For the Faculty Senate, this is the Provost/Senior VP Academic Affairs; for Student Government, the Vice President for Student Life; for Staff Senate, the Vice President for Human Resources.*