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University of Scranton University Governance Council

Statement of Purpose & Membership

The University Governance Council (the Council) plays an important role in governance at the University of Scranton. Formed in response to concerns regarding lack of communication between the University's representative governing bodies¹, the Council **serves as a coordinating structure to receive and distribute policy** proposals to each of the three representative bodies. The group also provides a forum to ensure the three governing bodies – Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and Student Government – have ample opportunity to **discuss policy initiatives with one another and forward comments and/or recommendations to the Presidents' Cabinet**, the chief policy and decision-making body of the University. The Council is also the **primary conduit for policy initiatives** coming from the Cabinet to the governing bodies².

The University Governance Council is comprised of representatives from each of the three representative governing bodies. These representatives are the four officers of the bodies or their designates; total membership on the Council shall not exceed 12 persons. In addition to this number, the Council has an administrative liaison to the Cabinet, the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, the University administrator with responsibility for governance. The liaison is charged with carrying the Council's feedback on policy deliberations to the Cabinet, and conveying information from the Cabinet to the Council. The liaison serves as the Convener of the Council, calling meetings according to the Council's schedule.

¹ As identified by the University's 2006 assessment of its governance structure and processes.

² See University Policy Flowchart.

2014 update limited to change of Convener from VP Planning CIO (2008 through spring 2014) to Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs (fall 2014 to current).