Policy Charge

The Campus Accessibility Committee is a University-wide Standing Committee appointed by the President not reporting to the Academic Senate of The University of Texas at Dallas.

The Committee has three interrelated concerns: accessibility of campus facilities, accessibility of university programs and services, and long-range planning to incorporate universal design principles into university programs and operations.

1. Accessibility of university facilities. The Committee is charged to maintain a system for receiving suggestions and complaints from faculty, students, staff, and visitors regarding the accessibility of university facilities and to make suggestions to the administration regarding enhancing the participation of individuals with disabilities. For this purpose, the term 'facilities' does not mean only buildings but includes all their fittings and equipment intended to support instruction and research, and the services associated therewith.

2. Accessibility of university programs, services, and instruction. The Committee is charged to maintain a system for receiving suggestions and complaints from faculty, students, staff, and visitors regarding the accessibility of all university programs and services (including information technology), and to make suggestions to the administration regarding improving the participation of individuals with disabilities.

3. Long-range campus planning. On the basis of its knowledge of utilization of current facilities and involvement in program planning, the Committee is charged to suggest and/or review long-range plans to promote universal design and the full participation of individuals with disabilities.

The Committee shall be composed of no fewer than 20 voting members appointed by the President; and shall include seven members of the faculty representing various schools that will always include Engineering and Computer Sciences and Natural Sciences and Mathematics to be nominated by the Academic Senate; one representative from Student Government; at least one student, one faculty member, and one staff member who are users of disability accommodations; one representative of the general community who is a user of disability accommodations or has specific relevant expertise; and representatives from the following university offices, ex officio: the ADA coordinator, the Dean of Students, the Office of Student AccessAbility, the McDermott Library, the Director of Student Laboratories/Research Facilities, the Office of Information Technology, the Department of Facilities Management, the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, the Office of Human Resources, the Procurement Management office, the University Police, the University Parking Office, and the Assistant Provost responsible for eLearning and/or the Student Success Center.

The term of office for Committee members shall be for two years (except for the student government representative whose term will be one year. Service will be effective from September 1 to August 31, and members may be reappointed by the President for additional terms. If for any reason a Committee member resigns, the President shall appoint another individual to serve the remainder of the unexpired term. The Director of Compliance shall serve as the Responsible University Official for this committee.

To ensure continuity, appointments of Committee members will be for staggered terms so that one-third of the appointments expire August 31 of each academic year. The Chair of the Committee shall be appointed by the President annually.