1.2.7 Advisory Board of the Academic Council

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The Advisory Board of the Academic Council is composed of seven full professors, one from each of the seven Advisory Board Electoral Groups as designated below. All recommendations for appointments, promotions, and for the creation and dissolution of departments, etc., must be submitted to the Advisory Board. The Advisory Board is also authorized to make such recommendations to the President regarding policy as it may decide by vote to be expedient, but no recommendations for appointments, promotions, or dismissals may originate with the Advisory Board. The powers and functions of the Advisory Board are described in the Articles of Organization of the Academic Council.

The role of the Advisory Board in conducting faculty discipline hearings is described in the Statement on Faculty Discipline. The role of the Advisory Board in handling appeals relating to academic freedom is described in the Statement on Academic Freedom. The role of the Advisory Board in certain other faculty appeals is described in the Statement of Faculty Appeal Procedures. These three statements are found in Chapter 4 of this handbook.

For the purpose of elections to the Advisory Board, the members of the Academic Council are divided into seven Advisory Board Electoral Groups, which represent a rearrangement of Senate Electoral Units:

I  Graduate School of Business, Graduate School of Education, Law School
II  School of Engineering
II  School of Humanities and Sciences (Sciences)
IV  School of Humanities and Sciences (Social Sciences)
V   School of Humanities and Sciences (Humanities)
VI  School of Medicine (Clinical Sciences)
VII  School of Earth, Energy and Environmental Sciences, Stanford Linear Accelerator Center, School of Medicine (Basic Sciences), Special Administrative Group

Terms of office are three years, beginning on September 1 following election. The pattern of elections is based on cycles of three years. In the first year of a given cycle, members are elected from Electoral Groups IV, V, and VII; in the second year, members are elected from Electoral Groups II and VI; and in the third year, members are elected from Electoral Groups I and III. Consecutive service is limited to two terms (or fractions thereof), but a person is eligible for reelection at the third annual election after the expiration of any period of service.

Major administrative officers such as the following are not eligible to serve on the Advisory Board: the President, the Provost, School Deans, others delineated in the Articles of Organization as officers of Academic Administration; and other members of the Academic Council who are determined by the Senate to hold appointments of similar character in the University administration.