

	Council of Ontario Universities Academic Colleague Selection Policy	
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1. POLICY

This policy outlines the process for selecting a representative, as well as an alternate, to sit on the Council of Ontario Universities' (COU) Academic Colleagues group and other COU committees on behalf of the OCAD University Senate.

2. BACKGROUND

The Academic Colleagues group seeks to stimulate thoughtful and insightful discussion and action within Council and the wider university community. Further, members of the Academic Colleagues group are to:

- Serve as members of COU standing committees, task forces and working groups.
- Provide regular updates and reports on the activities of Council to their respective academic senates or equivalent senior academic bodies as determined by their institutions.
- Anticipate, examine and analyze significant issues with a view toward specific contributions to Council objectives.

3. SELECTION PROCESS

In accordance with the COU By-Laws, Academic Colleagues are faculty members who have been elected or appointed by their University's Senate or senior academic body.

At OCAD University, the selection process is as follows:

- a) The Senate Executive Committee shall recommend at least one colleague and one alternate to sit on the COU Academic Colleagues group. These positions

are open to faculty Senators (Tenured, Tenure-Track, Contractually Limited-Term Appointment, Continuing, or Teaching Stream) and members of the academic administrative leadership, i.e. Chairs, Graduate Program Directors, Associate Deans and Deans. These nominations should occur prior to the first meeting of Senate in September.

- b) The Senate Executive Committee shall forward their recommendations to Senate by the September Senate meeting.
- c) Once the recommendations have been approved by Senate, the Office of the Vice-President, Academic and Provost will forward the appropriate information to the Council of Ontario Universities.

In the event that an academic colleague or alternate can no longer fulfil their duties in the middle of term, the Senate Executive Committee shall make a recommendation to Senate for a replacement.

4. TERM

Academic Colleagues and alternates shall serve for a renewable term of three years commencing July 1 and ending June 30.

5. RENEWAL

Renewal of the terms of academic colleagues and alternates shall follow the same procedure outlined in section 3.