



**Policy Chapter:** Chapter 6 Faculty Affairs

**Policy Number and Title:** 06.047 Shared Governance and the Role of Advisory Committees and the Academic Administration

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## **I. Policy Statement**

Shared governance is a central tenet of academic decision-making at UNT, as it is in higher education at major public universities throughout the United States. The participation of faculty assures that academic quality remains at the heart of the decision-making process.

## **II. Application of Policy**

Faculty and Academic Administration.

## **III. Policy Definitions**

### **A. Academic Administration**

“Academic Administration” and “Administration,” in this policy, mean a university official with an academic appointment and an administrative assignment with significant duties relating to the operation of UNT, including central/university-level operations, and the operation of a department or school/college.

### **B. Academic Policy**

“Academic Policy,” in this policy, means policy affecting academic matters, including curriculum, subject matter and methods of instructions and research, matters of faculty status, those aspects of student life that relate to the educational process, and matters relating to the general welfare of the university that may be considered by the Faculty Senate.

### **C. Academic Unit**

“Academic Unit,” in this policy, means an academic department/division under the management of a UNT official with responsibility for personnel actions.

## **IV. Policy Responsibilities**

Through the Faculty Senate; department and school/college elected and appointed committees; and faculty advisory councils, faculty will have a voice in all academic policy and academic decision-making as authorized in Texas state law, rules of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), [UNT Systems Board of Regents Rule 06.100, Shared Governance](#), and UNT academic policies. Authority for decisions, however, vests in the Board of Regents, chancellor, and the president. The president may delegate authority to other members of the university administration as allowed by state law and Regents Rules; however, authority rests only with individuals who are directly accountable for the decisions they make and may not rest with a committee.

**A. Academic Matters**

On matters directly involving the structure of academic degree programs, degree qualifications, the curriculum, the review and grading of student accomplishments, and the conferral of academic degrees, the faculty is responsible for developing the standards and criteria for final approval by the administration.

**B. Personnel Matters**

In matters involving personnel, such as supervision within an administrative or academic unit, work assignment, evaluation, discipline, and allocation of resources (including but not limited to space, graduate assistantships, support for travel, support for research projects, etc.), authority rests with the administrator with decision-making authority. However, decisions on such matters should be made after consultation with the appropriate faculty committee or advisory body.

**V. References and Cross-References**

[UNT Systems Board of Regents Rule 04.300, Institution Presidents](#)

[UNT Systems Board of Regents Rule 06.100, Shared Governance](#)

[UNT Policy 06.004, Faculty Reappointment, Tenure, Promotion, and Reduced Appointment](#)

[UNT Policy 06.048, Charter of the Faculty Senate of the University of North Texas](#)

**VI. Revision History**

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