

 DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF HEALTH Academic Review Committee: Terms of Reference	<i>Policy Sponsor:</i> Dean, Faculty of Health Faculty Council	<i>Approval Date:</i> October 2009
	<i>Responsible Unit:</i> Academic Review Committee	<i>Amendments:</i> <i>Revisions approved by Faculty Council:</i> <i>Jan 2010, Jan 2011, Sept 2011, Apr 2012, Apr 2013, Mar 2016, Apr 2017, Jan 2018, Oct 2020, May 2021</i>

RATIONALE

The Academic Review Committee (ARC) is a standing committee of Faculty Council, which reviews, facilitates and reports on undergraduate and graduate academic proposals submitted from the Schools/Colleges within the Faculty of Health. The overall purpose is to assist the Faculty in its mandate of ensuring program quality, feasibility, and academic integrity.

FUNCTIONS

1. Reviews academic proposals (in accordance with Senate and Faculty of Health regulations) submitted by Schools/Colleges within the Faculty of Health.
2. Prepares reports and recommendations for Faculty of Health Faculty Council and/or the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

MEMBERSHIP

1. Chair shall be appointed by the Dean for a three-year term with the possibility of renewal for an additional consecutive term of three years.
2. Associate Dean – Academic, as an ex officio voting member.
** Under normal circumstances the ADA does not serve as ARC Chair but in the event the Chair role is vacant, the ADA can serve as such. Seeking stability following turnover in ARC leadership and the ADA role, the Associate Dean Academic will serve as Chair for June 2020 – June 2022. This arrangement will be reviewed in January 2022, for the 2022-2023 academic year. Motion approved by Faculty Council in October 2020.*
3. One member elected from Faculty Council for a two-year term.
4. Five full-time faculty members elected by Faculty Council for a two-year term. The committee membership should reflect an appropriate mix of faculty members from Graduate and Undergraduate Programs. Members may be re-elected for 1 additional consecutive term. Members should be from different Schools/Colleges.
5. Director representative for a two-year term, nominated by the Deans' Executive.
6. A Vice-Chair to be elected from among the above members of ARC, for one-year term, renewable for one year.

7. Representative from the Registrar's Office (non-voting)
8. Representative from the Centre for Learning & Teaching (non-voting)
9. Administrative Assistant from the Faculty of Health Dean's Office (non-voting)

QUORUM

The quorum for meetings of the Academic Review Committee shall be 50% plus 1 of the voting members.

VOTING

The Chair is a voting member so can be considered in quorum and will be permitted to vote only in the event of a tie.

VOTING VIA-MAIL

On occasion members will be asked to vote via electronic mail. The ARC Chair via the Administrative Assistant will forward a motion to the ARC members including a summary of the request with any supporting documentation attached. Members will be asked to respond to the motion with a "YES", "NO" or "ABSTAIN" to the ARC Administrative support only.

The time frame required for a response will be at the discretion of the ARC Chair. Committee members will always be given the option to suggest the committee meet to discuss instead. The number of responses required for a motion to pass will be the same as quorum.

AUTHORITY & REPORTING RELATIONSHIP

The Academic Review Committee (ARC) receives its authority from Faculty Council. As such, the Chair or their delegate is responsible for reporting to Faculty Council at each of its meetings. An annual report will be presented to Full Faculty at the Spring Full Faculty meeting.

MEETINGS

Monthly meetings will be held September to June. Special meetings may be called as determined by the Chair of ARC and/or the Dean. Roberts Rules of Order (Revised) will apply. In the Chair's absence, the Vice Chair will chair the meeting.

AGENDA AND MINUTES

The ARC Administrative Assistant will circulate a call for agenda items to ARC members, designated administrative contact person(s) and Directors/Assistant Deans five weeks prior to the meeting. These dates will also be available on the [ARC SharePoint site](#).

A meeting agenda will be prepared by the ARC Administrative Assistant in consultation with the ARC Chair. The agenda, last meeting minutes, and documentation for proposals will be circulated to ARC members prior to the monthly meeting date. The accepted ARC report to Faculty Council will be posted on the Faculty of Health website for one rolling year.

AGENDA ITEMS

Agenda items for MINOR proposals must be received (with relevant documentation) by the ARC Administrative Assistant two weeks prior to the ARC meeting.

Agenda items for MAJOR proposals (New, Major Modification or Termination) must be received at least four weeks prior to the ARC meeting.

Due to the schedules of the membership at the end of term in December and April, only minor proposals will be reviewed at that time.

Please see the [ARC SharePoint site](#) for process map, forms, and important dates.

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT AT THE UNIT LEVEL

An administrative contact person will be assigned from each School/College to ensure consistency with required documentation and meeting deadlines.

REVIEW

The Academic Review Committee Terms of Reference will be reviewed annually.

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