COUNCIL: COUNCIL ON EDUCATIONAL POLICY AND ISSUES

AUSPICES: The Council on Educational Policy and Issues is a standing council of the USF Faculty Senate and receives authority for its actions through that body.

CHARGE: The Council on Educational Policy and Issues is concerned with all matters that influence the quality of education at the University. It deals primarily with issues, policies, and procedures that affect academic quality and environment on a University-wide basis.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The council shall develop its own operating procedures, subject to the approval by the Provost. Functions of the council include:

1. Review existing and proposed academic policies and recommend to the Faculty Senate and Provost modifications that will improve academic quality and environment.

2. Initiate and recommend to the Faculty Senate and Provost new policies that address academic and educational quality and environment.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership shall consist of one faculty representative from each college, campus and unit with voting representation in the Faculty Senate. There shall be one additional faculty representative from any college having more than 250 full-time faculty members, plus a third faculty representative from any college having more than 400 full-time faculty members.

1. Faculty members of the council will be appointed for staggered three-year terms, with one third retiring each year. Members may serve two consecutive terms, after which they must retire from the council for one full year before seeking re-appointment.

2. One undergraduate student, to be appointed to a one-year term. May be reappointed for a second one-year term.
3. One graduate student, to be appointed to a one-year term. May be reappointed for a second one-year term.

4. Ex officio, non-voting members will include:
   - Provost or designee
   - Dean of Undergraduate Studies, or designee
   - Dean of Graduate Studies, or designee
   - VP of Health Sciences, or designee
   - VP of Student Affairs, or designee
   - One member from the Undergraduate Council
   - One member from the Graduate Council

   If a member of the Council on Educational Policy and Issues accumulates three unexcused absences per year from regularly scheduled meetings, he or she will cease to be a member, and will be replaced promptly according to the standard procedures for nomination and appointment. Excused absences may be granted by the Chair or Vice-Chair of the council, and shall not exceed four in number per year.

**APPOINTMENT:** Nominees will submit nomination forms to the Committee on Committees of the Faculty Senate which will review each nominee. The Faculty Senate President will appoint the voting members of this council upon the recommendation of the Faculty Senate.

   The Undergraduate Student member will be appointed by the Student Senate.

   The Graduate Student member will be appointed by the Graduate and Professional Students Organization

**CHAIR:** The Chair will be elected from among the voting members.

Date of adoption: 11/03

Date of last revision: 02/20/08; 08/11 (new appointment process; revised membership section)