

Academic Standards and Policy Working Group

Charge

The Academic Standards and Policy Working Group is established to ensure that UTA's academic standards and policies foster student success and academic excellence across all academic programs. This working group is taking a portion of the responsibilities previously undertaken by the Undergraduate and Graduate Assemblies. This involves matters related to academic standards, including but not limited to grading policies, examination policies, academic standards, and policies for student academic progress, academic integrity, and other educational policies implemented by the registrar's office. During the 2025-2026 academic year, this working group will be charged with doing the following.

- Support timely academic progress and degree completion,
- Promote fairness and consistency across colleges,
- Strengthen integrity and quality in teaching and learning, and
- Enhancing student success.

Scope of Work

The Working Group is asked to:

- Review proposed changes to academic policies and regulations and make recommendations to the provost.
- Develop new policies and procedures that strengthen academic standards in alignment with student success goals.
- Act as a clearinghouse for academic standards policies, ensuring consistency and transparency.
- Evaluate grading, examination, academic integrity, and student progress standards to ensure fairness and clarity.
- Assess academic standards for distance learning, continuing education, external education, and non-traditional courses to ensure quality.
- Examine cross-college coordination and recommend approaches that eliminate barriers for students navigating multiple programs or changing majors.
- Monitor the effectiveness of implemented policies, collaborate with the Provost's Office and other units, and recommend revisions as needed.
- Identify opportunities to align academic standards with best practices in higher education and the evolving needs of students.