

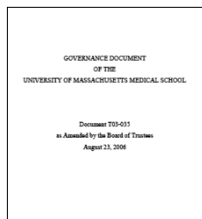
# Revision of the UMMS Governance Document

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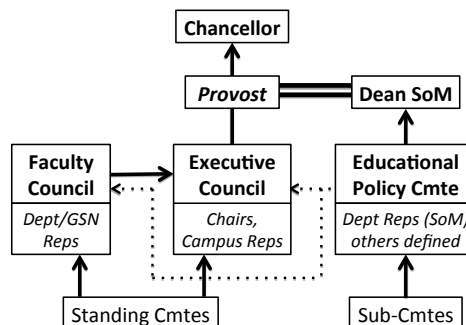
## The Governance Document of the University of Massachusetts Medical School defines

- the administrative organization of the campus
- a framework of governance
  - governing bodies and oversight advisory committees
- a structure of committees by which the faculty are engaged & participate in governance



Governance Document online:  
<http://www.umassmed.edu/ofa/academic/GovUMMSIndex.aspx>

## Governance of UMass Worcester (UMMS)



## Membership of the Governing Bodies

### Executive Council:

- Department Chairs (SoM)
- Representatives of affiliated hospitals
- Members of Faculty Council Rules Committee
- Chair, EPC
- President, Student Body Committee
- Deans: GSBS, GSN
- Ex-officio members

### Faculty Council:

- Representatives elected from departments & GSN (in proportion to size of department)

## Membership of the Governing Bodies

### Educational Policy Committee (SoM):

- 1 faculty from each department selected by chair
- An alumni representative chosen by the Alumni Council (SoM)
- Up to 3 faculty representatives from major affiliated hospitals selected by the respective hospital after consultation with the SoM Dean
- 2 medical students selected by the Student Body Committee
- 2 members selected by the SoM Dean (Dean has decided that these will be elected by the faculty)

## There are 3 basic types of Standing Committees

### Elected by the faculty

Grievance Committee  
Personnel Action Committee\*  
Tenure Committee  
Scientific Council

### Appointed by the Chancellor or his/her designee for Research

Committee on Protection of Human Subjects in Research  
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)  
Institutional Biosafety Committee  
Radiation Safety Committee

### Recommended for appointment by the Committee on Committees

Admissions Committee\*  
Biomedical Computing Committee  
Council on Equal Opportunity and Diversity (CEOD)  
Graduate Medical Education Committee  
Library and Learning Resources Committee  
Patent Policy Committee  
Student Affairs Committee  
Women's Faculty Committee

### Other

Graduate Medical Education Committee\*

\* School of Medicine

## The Governance Document is "evaluated" every 5 years by the Faculty Council and Executive Council

- Amendments require approval by 2/3 vote of both Faculty Council and Executive Council
- The approved amended document is submitted to the full and part-time academically-salaried faculty for a vote for or against acceptance
- A simple majority vote is necessary for approval
- Document w/amendments is then submitted for administrative approval (Chancellor)
- Approved document submitted to Board of Trustees for approval

**Important issues to consider in the revision process of the Governance Document**

- Although updates and revisions are needed, the basic elements of the current Document have served the campus well for over 40 years
- Revisions are needed to bring the document in line with our current organizational structure (examples: establishment of the position of the Provost; campus name of UMass/Worcester)
- Relationships between the governing bodies (Faculty Council/Executive Council/Education Policy Committee)
- Standing Committees (Are others needed? Should some be discontinued?)

***Additional issues or concerns that need to be considered?***

**Can I get involved in the Governance Document revision process? YES—here's how!**

- Get informed—read the Governance Document (OFA website <http://www.umassmed.edu/ofa/academic/>)
- Attend one of the upcoming “Town Hall” meetings to discuss the issues being considered in the revision
- Contact the Office of Faculty Affairs and let us know:
  - Your interest in participating in a subcommittee, or
  - The issue you would like to see considered for revision

**Thank you! Any questions?**