

Code of Virginia

Section 23.1-1300

G. The governing board of each public institution of higher education and each local community college board **may** appoint one or more **nonvoting, advisory faculty representatives** to its respective board. In the case of local community college boards and boards of visitors, such representatives shall be chosen from individuals elected by the faculty or the institution's faculty senate or its equivalent. In the case of the State Board, such representatives shall be chosen from individuals elected by the Chancellor's Faculty Advisory Committee. Such representatives shall be appointed to serve (i) at least one term of at least 12 months, which shall be coterminous with the institution's fiscal year or (ii) for such terms as may be mutually agreed to by the State Board and the Chancellor's Faculty Advisory Committee, or by the local community college board or the board of visitors, and the institution's faculty senate or its equivalent.

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- H. The board of visitors of any baccalaureate public institution of higher education **shall** appoint one or more **students** as **nonvoting, advisory representatives**. Such representatives shall be appointed under such circumstances and serve for such terms as the board of visitors of the institution shall prescribe.
- I. Nothing in subsections G and H shall prohibit the governing board of any public institution of higher education or any local community college board from excluding such nonvoting, advisory faculty or student representatives from discussions of faculty grievances, faculty or staff disciplinary matters or salaries, or any other matter.

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Norfolk State University is committed to supporting and promoting a culture of accountability and transparency and expects all members of the University Community to conduct the University's business in a lawful and ethical manner.

The authority for the governance of the University is vested by statute in the Board of Visitors by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Virginia. All bylaws, handbooks, policies, regulations, and procedures for faculty, students, administration, alumni, and other organizations of the University must be consistent with, or subordinate to the Bylaws and Policies of the Board of Visitors of Norfolk State University.

All members of the NSU community play a vital role in the development and execution of University policies. The University is fully committed to the principles of shared governance. Accordingly, any member of the University community may recommend a new policy or changes to existing policy by obtaining the initial approval of their Division Vice President and thereafter using the process set forth in this policy. All University policies must be properly approved and posted in the University Policy Library.

A member of the University faculty will be selected by the Board from a list of three faculty members elected by the faculty to serve as an advisory, non-voting member to the Board in all open session meetings. The Faculty Senate will oversee the process and provide the list of faculty and their supporting biographical information to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and the President no later than 14 calendar days prior to the first meeting of the Board of Visitors. The selected faculty member serves a term of not less than one 12 month period, which shall be coterminous with the fiscal year. The faculty representative may attend and participate in a non-voting capacity in all open session meetings; and, in accordance with BOV Bylaws, may participate in closed meetings only as requested by the Board. A substitute is not permitted. University faculty member may serve on BOV committees upon request by the Board of Visitors; or on University committees by request of the President, Vice Presidents, or other administrative officer of the University.

Through all of these mechanisms, University faculty share their expertise and insights on academic matters with the members of the Board of Visitors, President, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Vice Presidents.

Nothing prohibits the Board of Visitors from excluding the faculty representative from discussions of faculty grievances, faculty or staff disciplinary matters, or salaries, or other matters. See *Code of Virginia* § 23.1-1300(I).

NSU BOV BYLAWS

Section 5 – Advisory Representatives

- A. Student Representative. The President of the Student Government Association is the non-voting student representative to the Board. The Student Representative may attend, and participate fully in, all open meetings of the Board, and in closed meetings as invited.
- B. Faculty Representative. A non-voting Faculty Representative is chosen at the Annual Meeting by the Board from a list of three faculty members submitted to the Board by the Faculty Senate. The list must be submitted not later than 14 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The Faculty Representative serves a one-year term beginning July 1 following selection. A Faculty Representative may serve more than one term. The Faculty Representative may attend, and participate fully in, all open meetings of the Board, and in closed meetings as invited.