

Campus Governing Bodies

The Student Government Association is the highest governing body for students at Texas A&M University-Kingsville. It makes recommendations to the university administration for improving student life. The student government is composed of the executive, legislative and judicial branches. The student body elects the President, Vice-President and the Senators during a general student election held each spring. The Dean of Students or his/her designee advises the SGA.

The Faculty Senate, established by the Constitution of the General Faculty, is a body of faculty members elected from the undergraduate college and the library. The Faculty Senate is an advisory body to the President regarding education policies and noncurriculum matter to the university.

In 1990, the Staff Council was created to address the various specific concerns of four groups of personnel: secretarial-clerical, nonfaculty professional, and technical. Consisting of 24 members elected for two-year terms, the council provides a means for this important group of campus employees to voice those concerns to the administration.

The Graduate Council shall be the body responsible for recommending policy standards, criteria, regulations and procedures for graduate study in accordance with policies of the Board of Directors, Texas A&M University-Kingsville, The Texas A&M University System and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. It is the responsibility of the Graduate Council to review all proposals for graduate degree programs and courses and, at its option, existing programs; to establish and review the criteria for membership on the Graduate Faculty. Furthermore, the council is to establish the minimum admission standards, the standards for continuation of graduate students and the residency requirements; to act upon petitions and appeals from the decision of the Graduate Dean; to consider any other matters relevant to the College of Graduate Studies; and to authorize, recommend or instruct the Graduate Dean to take appropriate actions to effect the results of its decisions.