

# GLOSSARY – PRATT INSTITUTE GOVERNANCE REVIEW

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**AAUP:** American Association of University Professors <http://www.aaup.org/>

The AAUP's stated mission is to advance academic freedom and shared governance, to define fundamental professional values and standards for higher education, and to ensure higher education's contribution to the common good. Founded in 1915 by Arthur O. Lovejoy and John Dewey, the AAUP has helped to shape American higher education by developing the standards and procedures that maintain quality in education and academic freedom in the country's colleges and universities.

**AGOC:** Academic Governance Oversight Committee; convened by and reporting to President Schutte; comprised of four department chairs and two faculty at Pratt.

**APPC:** Academic Programs and Policies Committee; a standing committee of the Senate.

## Committee Charge:

With representatives from all schools of the Institute, the Academic Programs and Policies Committee has an important overview and facilitator role in curriculum development, the creation of new courses, and the revision of existing ones.

It assists in ascertaining redundancies or conflicts in courses from more than one department with similar concerns. Examining each course proposal, its findings and recommendations are reported to the full Senate for its input before implementation. All matters pertaining to curriculum are within the purview and responsibility of this committee.

See Committee Membership, Procedures and Guidelines/Criteria and Reports:

<http://www.prattsenate.org/appc>

## **APPC Committee Members 2009-2010 - March 2010**

Sean Sullivan (APPC Chair), DDA/Foundation Art, PT A&D  
Sameetah Agha, Social Science & Cultural Studies, FT SLAS (Alternate)  
Gilok Choi, School of Information and Library Science, FT SILS (Alternate)  
Anthony Cociolo, School of Information and Library Science, FT SILS  
Mary Edwards, History of Art & Design, PT A&D  
Yael Erel, UG Architecture, PT ARCH (Alternate)  
Kathryn Filla, Industrial Design, PT A&D  
Cheryl Gross, UG Communications Design, PT A&D (Alternate)  
Christoph a. Kumpusch, UG Architecture, PT ARCH  
Laena McCarthy, Library, FT LIB  
Paul Schlotthauer, Library, FT LIB (Alternate)  
Tip Sempliner, Industrial Design, PT A&D (Alternate)  
Daniel Wright, Math and Science, FT SLAS

**IWCC:** Institute-wide Curriculum Committee

Membership:

- Academic Senate: 6 representatives; a minimum of 3 must be faculty-at-large

(add deviation from the required "election.")

- Provost's Council: 1 representative
- Chairs Council: 4 representatives, one from each of the four Schools
- Provost's Office: 1 representative
- Registrar's Office (in an advisory, non-voting role)

## SENATE

1. An assembly or council, usually with high deliberative and legislative functions.
2. A governing body of some universities charged with maintaining academic standards and regulations, usually composed of the principal or representative members of the faculty (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

## SHARED GOVERNANCE

The AAUP's principles of shared governance provide that "the faculty has primary responsibility for such fundamental areas as curriculum, subject matter and methods of instruction, research, faculty status..." in essence, the duly constituted governance structure of Pratt Institute (see Faculty Handbook, page 15).

Source: *AAUP Statement on Government of Colleges and Universities*. The Statement embodies standards of governance widely upheld in American higher education. It rests on the premise of appropriately shared responsibility and cooperative action among the different components of institutional government and specifies the areas of primary responsibility for governing boards, administrations, and faculties. It was jointly endorsed by the primary organization championing faculty concerns (AAUP), the body devoted to preparing future academic administrators (ACE), and the association promoting best practices in serving on governing boards (AGB).

## PRATT INSTITUTE FACULTY GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE

The charter of Pratt Institute vests the Board of Trustees with the primary responsibility for the educational and financial well being of the institution. The Board, in turn, authorizes the president and administration to direct the Institute in its many and complex operations. The Board, the president, and the administration **recognize the important role of the faculty in developing, implementing, and monitoring the content and quality of Institute programs, curricula, and courses. To this end the Institute has established an academic senate** composed of faculty and chair representatives elected directly by the faculty and chairs of the Institute. The academic senate is a faculty administration governance body that relates directly to the president and provost without review by any other Institute group.

Source: Pratt Institute Faculty Handbook 2009  
Institute Organization & Governance, page 15  
[http://www.pratt.edu/uploads/2009\\_Faculty\\_Handbook.pdf](http://www.pratt.edu/uploads/2009_Faculty_Handbook.pdf)