The Faculty Advisory Committee on University Outreach and Engagement

The Faculty Advisory Committee on University Outreach and Engagement shall consist of five faculty members serving three year, rotating terms and includes at least one member from each instructional unit and one student member. The Director of University Outreach and the Director of the Thompson Center for Learning and Teaching are ex officio members of the committee.

The committee charge is to monitor the effectiveness of University Outreach’s programs as aligned with Outreach’s purpose and values. Thus, the committee is responsible for reviewing and maintaining the quality of programming built upon public scholarship, community engagement, and mutually beneficial partnerships between the university and its larger community. The committee evaluates applications and awards the annual Freeman and Saab service scholarships to students. Also, the committee provides a blind, peer-reviewed selection process to choose the participants for the annual Boyer Faculty Scholars Program.

Rationale: The Committee believes the addition of the Director of the Thompson Center for Learning and Teaching as an ex officio member will create better connections between the two offices, increasing collaborations and developing more thoughtful and integrated programming for faculty and community members. The Director of the TCLT will be able to provide input on University Outreach programming, update the Committee on TCLT activities, and bring expertise about high-impact teaching practices that can benefit Outreach activities.