

California State University Channel Islands

Unit Bylaws

Proposed by the tenured and probationary faculty

of the

HEALTH SCIENCES PROGRAM

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Bylaws of the Health Sciences Program

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I. Unit Definition

The Health Sciences Program comprises the faculty appointed in the area of Health Sciences. The CI Health Sciences Program consists of a combination of tenured/tenure-track and lecturer faculty, and support staff. It offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Science. All courses that carry the prefix HLTH are offered through the Health Sciences Program. As of Fall 2020, there are over 700 declared Health Sciences majors enrolled at CSUCI.

II. Mission and Vision Statements

*The mission of the faculty and staff of the Health Sciences Program is to prepare future equity-minded health professionals who are **competent, compassionate, creative, and critical thinkers**.*

The vision of the Health Sciences Program at CSUCI is a just and equitable world of physically, mentally, and socially healthy people living in healthy communities.

The Health Sciences program supports the University's mission. As a commitment to an interdisciplinary education, the Health Sciences program affords students the opportunity to integrate into their plan of study cross-listed Health Sciences courses as well as subjects outside the discipline. Promoting the multicultural and international emphases of the University's mission, the Health Sciences Program encourages students to participate in Study Abroad and to pursue second language ability at the intermediate level. Further, courses in the program prepare the students to serve the healthcare needs of culturally and ethnically diverse individuals, groups, and families in our local and global communities. The Health Sciences program strongly believes in collaborative faculty/student research and promotes community-based applied research by placing student interns within public, private, and non-profit institutions.

III. Unit Faculty

1. Health Sciences faculty include tenured, tenure-track and both full and part-time lecturers.
2. Tenured and tenure-track faculty members are expected to participate in program service including: administrative or committee work and peer evaluations.
3. We adhere to a shared-governance model. Lecturers are welcome to participate in all aspects of the program.

IV. Program Officers and Responsibilities

1. Chair

In addition to teaching, the Chair manages the program budget, scheduling of classes, hiring lecturer faculty, leads in curriculum development, adopts policies as approved by program faculty and oversees all aspects of the Health Sciences Program operations. The Chair fulfills all personnel-related functions for faculty members within the Program.

2. Associate Chair

The position may be considered, by majority vote assuming quorum is met. The Associate Chair position would report to the Chair.

V. Officers Terms and Evaluations

1. The Chair serves an initial 3-year term. The Chair may be elected for a maximum of two consecutive terms. If no other faculty members are eligible and/or willing to serve or with the approval by two-thirds vote of the faculty, the term limits may be waived per occurrence. Ultimately, the Chair serves at the pleasure of the President.
2. The Chair will be evaluated in the spring semester of their second year in office. Evaluation methods will follow the Chair Evaluation Policy as approved by the Academic Senate.

VI. Election and Recommendation of Officers

A. The Chair:

1. All tenured faculty members are eligible to serve as Chair. In the spring semester of the last year of the current Chair's term, program faculty will elect the Chair, using an agreed upon anonymous process.
2. Results of the vote for Program Chair will be shared with the Dean and the program faculty. Election results will include the names of all nominees and the number of votes received for each.
3. Qualifying criteria for the position of Chair of the Health Sciences Program are as follows:
 - a. Holds an earned doctoral degree.
 - b. Has five years of satisfactory experience in teaching, including three years teaching in an accredited baccalaureate program within the last ten years.
 - c. Embodies the philosophy of and is committed to functioning in a setting wherein shared faculty governance is the accepted policy at Program and University levels.
 - d. Possesses organizational skills and fiscal expertise.
 - e. Maintains the respect of colleagues through personal qualities and professional knowledge, abilities and expertise.
4. Responsibilities of the Chair are to:
 - a. Serve as liaison between the Health Sciences program and community services as well as other disciplines within the University.
 - b. Keep informed of new developments in Health Sciences and related fields through such means as participation in professional meetings, communications with others, speaking, writing, and research.
 - c. Present student and faculty needs to University administration, and channel relevant information from University to faculty and students.

- d. Possess sensitivity to the needs of individual faculty; foster faculty inter-relationships; and manages interactions involving faculty, students, and staff and handles areas of controversy.
 - e. Provide future-oriented guidance in the continuing evaluation and development of the Health Sciences curriculum.
 - f. Supervise collection of pertinent student and Program statistics to be kept on file. This includes both current and historical data.
 - g. Answer questionnaires and correspondence related to the Health Sciences Program.
 - h. Call and preside over Health Sciences Program faculty meetings.
 - i. Develop the Health Sciences Program course schedule each term in consultation with the program faculty and after review with Associate Chair if elected.
 - j. Solicit participation for ad hoc committees as necessary and distribute committee roster(s) to program faculty.
 - k. Disseminate information to faculty regarding grants for research and special programs/projects.
 - l. Review, coordinate, and approve all Health Sciences Program projects and grants.
 - m. Establish and manage the program budget, while consulting with the Associate Chair on fiscal matters when appropriate.
5. Any tenured or probationary faculty member may call for a vote of no confidence in the Program Chair. The call may be made at a scheduled faculty meeting, or at a meeting called for the purpose by any tenured or probationary faculty member. A vote of no confidence will be taken by secret ballot and the results of a vote of no confidence will be reported to the Dean.

B. The Associate Chair:

1. The Program's Associate Chair shall be appointed to serve as acting Chair in the absence of the Chair, and to assist the Chair as needed. The Associate Chair position shall be added by a majority vote of the faculty.

2. Selection of the Associate Chair is made by a vote of the Program Faculty in the same way that the Chair would be selected.
3. The following criteria are required of the Associate Chair:
 - a. Faculty in the Health Sciences Program.
 - b. Tenured/Tenure-Track faculty with a minimum of 2 years experience at CSUCI.
 - c. Terms shall be the same as the program chair.
4. Responsibilities of the Associate Chair are to:
 - a. Assumes the responsibilities of the Chair in the Chair's absence.
 - b. Assists the Chair with any of the Chair's activities as mutually agreed.
 - c. Assists in planning and evaluating the curriculum and Program activities.

VII. The Faculty, General Responsibilities:

1. Faculty meetings will be held at a time most accessible to faculty and faculty may attend in-person or virtually.
2. The agendas and minutes for faculty meetings will be distributed electronically to all faculty a minimum of 3 business days prior to meetings. Agendas and minutes for Standing Committees and Ad Hoc committees will be distributed electronically to respective members.
3. Quorum is considered met with 51% of tenured/tenure-track faculty present. Attendance and voting is optional for lecturers and required as part of Service for tenured/tenure-track faculty. Attendance may be in person or virtual for the purpose of establishing a quorum.
4. The decision criterion shall be majority vote unless otherwise specified. All such action by these members shall be binding. Any faculty member may request a secret vote and the request will be honored. All Health Sciences Program faculty members are allowed to vote. Tenured and probationary tenure-track faculty

members each have one full vote. Lecturers' vote weight is counted according to their annual Health Sciences time base entitlements for established lecturers and current Health Sciences teaching load for new lecturers as follows:

0.1-7.5 WTUs = 0.25 vote

7.6-15 WTUs = 0.5 vote

15.1-22.5 WTUs = 0.75 vote

22.6-30 WTUs = 1.0 vote

5. Faculty on approved university leaves, retain their voting rights and eligibility for Service but are not obligated to vote or serve.
6. Meetings will be led by the Chair (or designee) but modeled on a council of equals based on mutual respect. Informal protocol is preferred; in the event that a topic or issue requires more formal procedures (as requested by any faculty member), meetings will follow Robert's Rules of Order as closely as possible.
7. By majority vote, the tenured and tenure-track faculty will make all decisions related to program advising and distribution of any reassigned time allocated to the Health Sciences Program.

VIII. Process to Constitute the Program Personnel Committee (PPC)

The PPC will be elected according to the process outlined in the Health Sciences Program Personnel Standards (PPS)

IX. Process to Constitute the Lecturer Faculty Evaluation Committee (LFEC)

The LFEC will serve as the evaluation committee for lecturers requiring evaluations per the CBA. The LFEC will consist of three tenured and tenure-track faculty. If there are more than three eligible volunteers, an election will be held. The Program Chair will serve as part of the committee for this purpose. Faculty will not evaluate spouses or other immediate relatives. The faculty member will be

recused from the LFEC in the event that a spouse or other immediate relative is subject to evaluation.

X. Process to Create and Amend Program Personnel Standards (PPS)

The Program Chair will work with all tenured and probationary faculty to review and amend the PPS as needed. After the Program Chair has consulted with the Program Faculty about the PPS, the Program Chair will circulate a draft of the PPS and request feedback. After considering all feedback received, the tenured and Tenure-Track faculty will vote on adopting the PPS and will subsequently forward the PPS to the Office of Faculty Affairs to begin the review process.

XI. Evaluation of Teaching

Student evaluations of teaching shall be administered in all classes, according to the University's policy on student evaluations. All faculty will follow the University RTP policy regarding peer observations. Lecturers will be evaluated according to the CBA and Academic Senate Policy on Evaluating Lecturer Faculty.

XII. Committee Structure, Membership and Functions

Faculty meetings will consider the issues related to curriculum assessment and development, faculty policies and procedures, fiscal affairs, and student affairs. These issues will be the responsibility of the faculty as a whole until such time as the number of faculty is sufficient to form separate committees, as determined by majority vote.

A. Lecturer Search Committee

1. Purpose:

To coordinate the advertisement for and interviewing of lecturer faculty seeking a position in the Program.

2. Membership:

- a. Membership shall be three to five members, elected from all program faculty.
- b. After the election, the members select a Chair for the lecturer search committee.

3. Functions:

- a. Advertises for faculty to fill vacant or new faculty positions.
- b. Coordinates with the faculty suitable days for presentations of those applying for a position.
- c. Arranges for faculty presentations.
- d. Distributes feedback sheets for all faculty to use in responding to the candidate and the candidate's presentation.
- e. Considers all faculty input on deciding who will be recommended to fill the open position.
- f. Faculty search committee Chair communicates the decision of the committee to all candidates.
- g. Bases its functions on principles related to the review of candidates established by the University.
- h. Follows best practices for engaging in an equitable search.

B. Tenure-Track Search Committee

1. Purpose:

To coordinate the advertisement for and interviewing of candidates seeking a tenure-track position in the Program.

2. Membership:

Tenured/Tenure-Track faculty members following the current Faculty Affairs guidelines.

3. Functions:

- a. Follow University policy and procedures in recruitment and selection of Tenure-Track faculty, communicating the decision of the committee to the Dean.
- b. Follow best practices for engaging in an equitable search.

XIII. Other Decisions

A. Shared/Joint appointments and Reassignment Decisions

Tenured and Tenure-Track faculty in Health Sciences will vote on matters related to shared appointments and faculty assignments at such time that a request is presented to the Health Sciences Program.

B. Bylaws may be amended at any time by two-thirds vote of the program faculty.