

**Indiana University
University Faculty Council
Summary of Actions Taken 2018 – 2019**

**Amendments to ACA-05
Bylaws of the University Faculty Council**

The University Faculty Council approved an amendment to the ACA-05 Bylaws of the University Faculty Council to establish a Policy Review Committee. This standing committee is charged with examining all university policies to determine which need updated and proposing changes if necessary. The committee will be comprised of six faculty members: two from IU Bloomington, 2 from IUPUI and 2 from regional campuses. Terms are for two years and will be staggered.

-Approved November 27, 2018

[ACA-05 Bylaws of the University Faculty Council of Indiana University](#)

**Amendments to ACA-74
Financial Conflicts of Interest in Research**

The University Faculty Council approved changes to the composition of the university conflict of interest committee to move from individual campus committees to single university committee. The policy was amended to include a provision that the formation of the university-wide committee be in consultation with the co-chairs of the University Faculty Council to ensure input from faculty governance units.

-Approved November 27, 2018

**Approval of consolidation of UA-17
Conflicts of Interest and Commitment policies**

The University Faculty Council approved the sections of the newly consolidated UA-17 Conflicts of Interest and Commitment policy pertaining to faculty. The policy was a consolidation of several COI policies related not only faculty, but staff, human resources and purchasing as well.

-Approved November 27, 2018

[UA-17 Conflicts of Interest and Commitment](#)

**Approval of proposal to create a third tier
within the lecturer track titled Teaching Professor**

The University Faculty Council approved revisions to ACA-14 Classification of Academic Appointments and ACA-18 Regulation of Clinical and Lecturer Appointments to create a third level of promotion for lecturers. The Council approved the naming of this third tier "teaching professor." These recommendations were forwarded to the Indiana University Board of Trustees which ultimately approved the policy changes.

-Approved November 27, 2018

[ACA-14 Classification of Academic Appointments](#)
[ACA-18 Regulation of Clinical and Lecturer Appointments](#)

**Amendments to UA-03
Sexual Misconduct**

The University Faculty Council approved revisions to UA-03 Sexual Misconduct including clarification of some terms and providing more time to complete the investigation and appeals process.

-Approved April 23, 2019

[UA-03 Sexual Misconduct](#)

Rescission of four University Faculty Council policies

The University Faculty Council rescinded the following four policies since they served as statements or guiding principles, rather than approved faculty policies.

- ACA-06 University Faculty Committees
- ACA-24 Recruitment
- ACA-34 Political Activities of Academic Personnel

-Adopted April 23, 2019

Amendments to ACA-15 Appointment to Graduate School Faculty

The University Faculty Council approved revisions to ACA-15 Appointment to Graduate School Faculty to change the oversight of the policy to the Graduate Faculty Council, which did not exist when this policy was created.

- Approved April 23, 2019

[ACA-15 Appointment to Graduate School Faculty](#)

Amendments to ACA-59 Accommodation for Religious Observances

The University Faculty Council approved revisions to ACA-59 Accommodation for Religious Observances to format the policy in the university policy template and designate the campus administrator responsible for the policy.

-Approved April 23, 2019

[ACA-59 Accommodation for Religious Observances](#)

Amendments to ACA-62 Honorary Degrees

The University Faculty Council approved revisions to ACA-62 Honorary Degrees to align with the processes currently used by the Honorary Degrees committee. Amendments aim to increase the diversity of the members, make honorary degree conferral more flexible, and allow for voting by email.

-Approved April 23, 2019

[ACA-63 Honorary Degrees](#)

Amendments to ACA-63 Academic Calendar

The University Faculty Council approved revisions to ACA-63 Academic Calendar to adhere to the university policy template, including the addition of a scope, reason for the policy, and procedures. In addition, these amendments clarify that the faculty retain authority to manage calendars at the campus and unit level within the general boundaries of the common calendar.

-Approved April 23, 2019

[ACA-63 Academic Calendar](#)

Amendments to ACA-32 Academic Freedom

The University Faculty Council approved revisions to ACA-32 Academic Freedom to add that academic freedom covers research and the freedom to express views of the university, university policies, and issues of public interest. Revisions also formatted the policy in the university policy template. The amendments included a provision that the policy does not override promotion and tenure guidelines or other university policies concerning academic ethics and misconduct.

-Approved April 23, 2019

[ACA-32 Academic Freedom](#)