PROPOSED AS&E BYLAW REVISION
CREATION OF NEW COMMITTEE

Committee on Undergraduate Advising and Co-Curricular Learning
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**Proposed Bylaw - Article IV, section 1 (n)**

A Committee on Undergraduate Advising and Co-curricular Learning comprising five or more faculty members, at least one of whom must be from the School of Engineering, two undergraduate students appointed by the TCU Senate, and the following members *ex officio*: the Dean of Student Affairs, the appropriate Dean of Academic Affairs for Arts and Sciences, the Dean of Undergraduate Education for Engineering, and the Dean of Undergraduate Studies. The committee shall review current and proposed policies and programs that aim to sustain or enhance the intellectual and academic experience of undergraduate students outside of the classroom, including advising. It is at the discretion of the Chair of the committee to invite other *ex-officio* members to join the committee’s deliberations as their advice and expertise are needed.

**Justification**

Because Tufts is a residential college for undergraduates, not only does intellectual discovery and engagement occur in classrooms, studios, and laboratories but also in resident and dining halls, gyms, coffee shops, and faculty and staff offices. Thus, co-curricular learning is a critical feature of the education that Tufts provides. Currently, there are no formal channels in the committee structure for faculty to consult and to provide input on the educational experience of students outside of formal learning environments, including advising in various forms performed by faculty, staff, and administrators. The committee is being proposed to remedy this lack of faculty involvement. It is constituted so that the oversight it can provide is done in direct consultation with administrative leaders and students.

Some administrative membership was left unspecified so as not to have a committee that was so large as to be unworkable. The faculty chair and Dean of Student Affairs shall consult as to the specific business in a given year. Based on this consultation, the Chair may appoint additional staff members for the term of one academic year who have relevant insight and expertise (e.g., those from the library, Group of Six, the Career Center, or the Chaplaincy).