

Faculty Power and the Academic Senate

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The UC “Master Plan,” Academic Senate, and Administration: *a power mapping*

- California’s “Master Plan” for higher education;
 - “tripartite system”: JC’s, Cal States, UC’s...
 - Attracting highest quality faculty...
 - “fees” and tuition-free education...

A MASTER PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN CALIFORNIA, 1960-1975

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- “Shared Governance”
and faculty power



Two major features in the historical development of the University of California distinguish it from other major public research universities. The first is the university's unusual status as a constitutionally designated public trust – a designation shared by only five other major public universities. The second is the University of California's tradition of shared-governance: the concept that faculty should share in the responsibility for guiding the operation and management of the university, while preserving the authority of the university's governing board, the Regents, to ultimately set policy.

“Shared Governance” and faculty power, continued...

UC systemwide Academic Senate

- studies “problems of overall concern to the University”
- advises UC system President

UC system faculty (that’s you)

- *Heart of the academic mission*
 - *TEACHING*
 - *RESEARCH*
 - *SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC*



ADVICE

UC Office of the President (“UCOP”)

CONSULTATION

“the administration”

- Chancellors,
- Provosts,
- Vice Provosts,
- Deans...

Official UC system hierarchy of power...

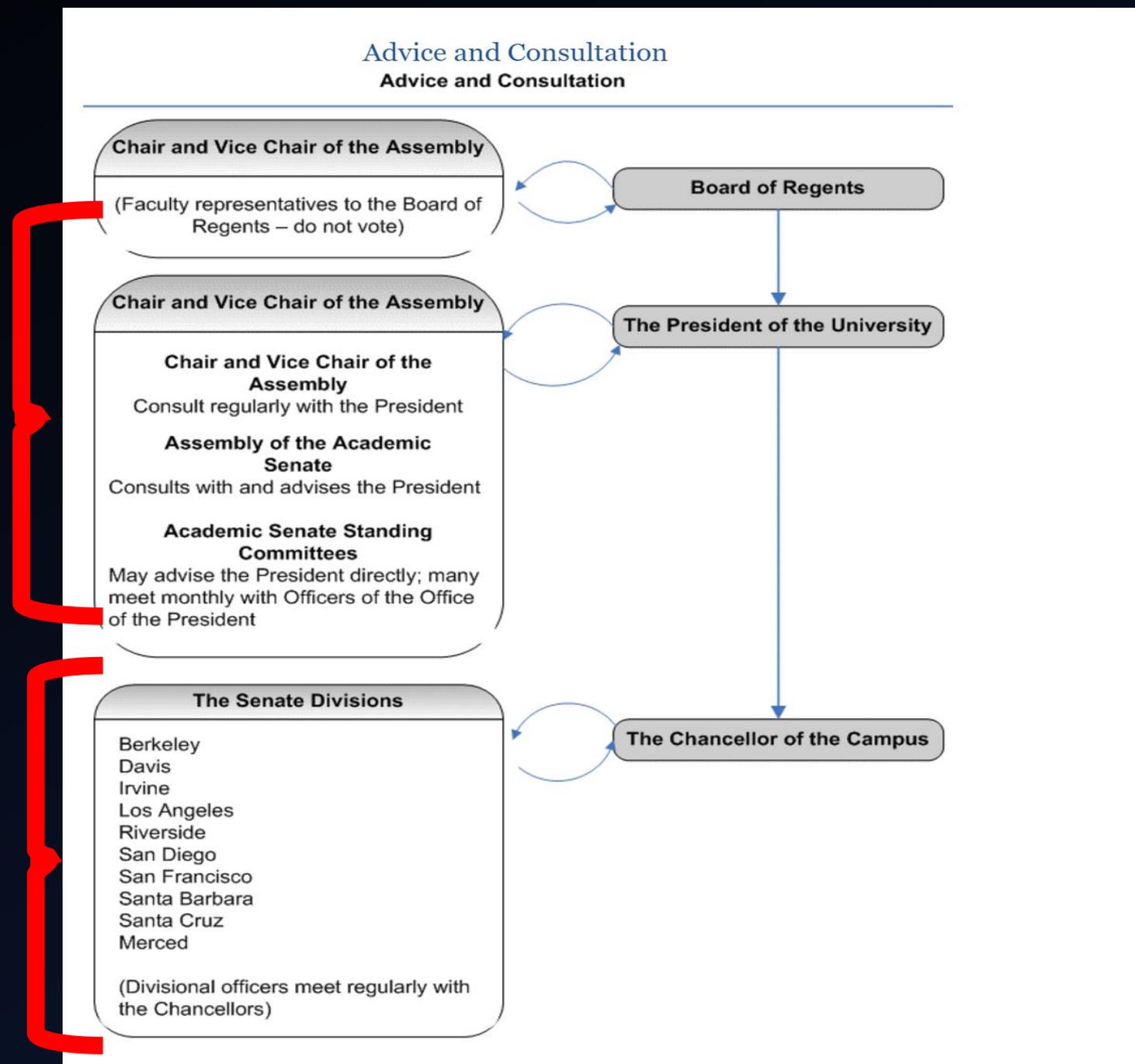
UC systemwide

Academic Assembly:

advises/ consults with Regents and UCOP

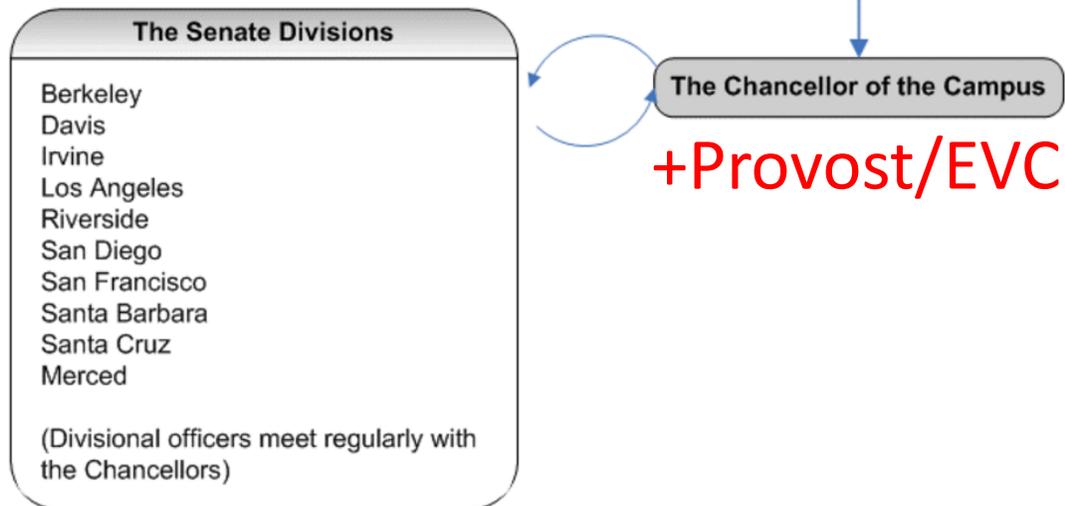
UCR Academic Senate:

advises/ consults with UCR Chancellor, Provost/EVC, and administration...



Your Academic Senate: the campus scale of UCR faculty power/voice

Advice and Consultation
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“Advice and Consultation”

What does the Academic Senate actually do?

(answer: everything that matters most for
an educational institution)

“The Senate guides the university’s educational course”

- **Determines academic policy.**
- **Admission and granting of degrees.**
- **Curricula and courses.**
- **Advising on faculty appointments, promotions and budgets.**

“The senate works in concert with the university administration, which is responsible for the finances and organization of the institution.

These roles overlap and are frequently interdependent.”

ACADEMIC SENATE AS “FACULTY GOVERNANCE”

HOW IT WORKS...

Faculty
leadership
through
committees

UCR faculty
voice

Quarterly
assemblies of UCR
Academic Senate

*Advice and
Consultation*

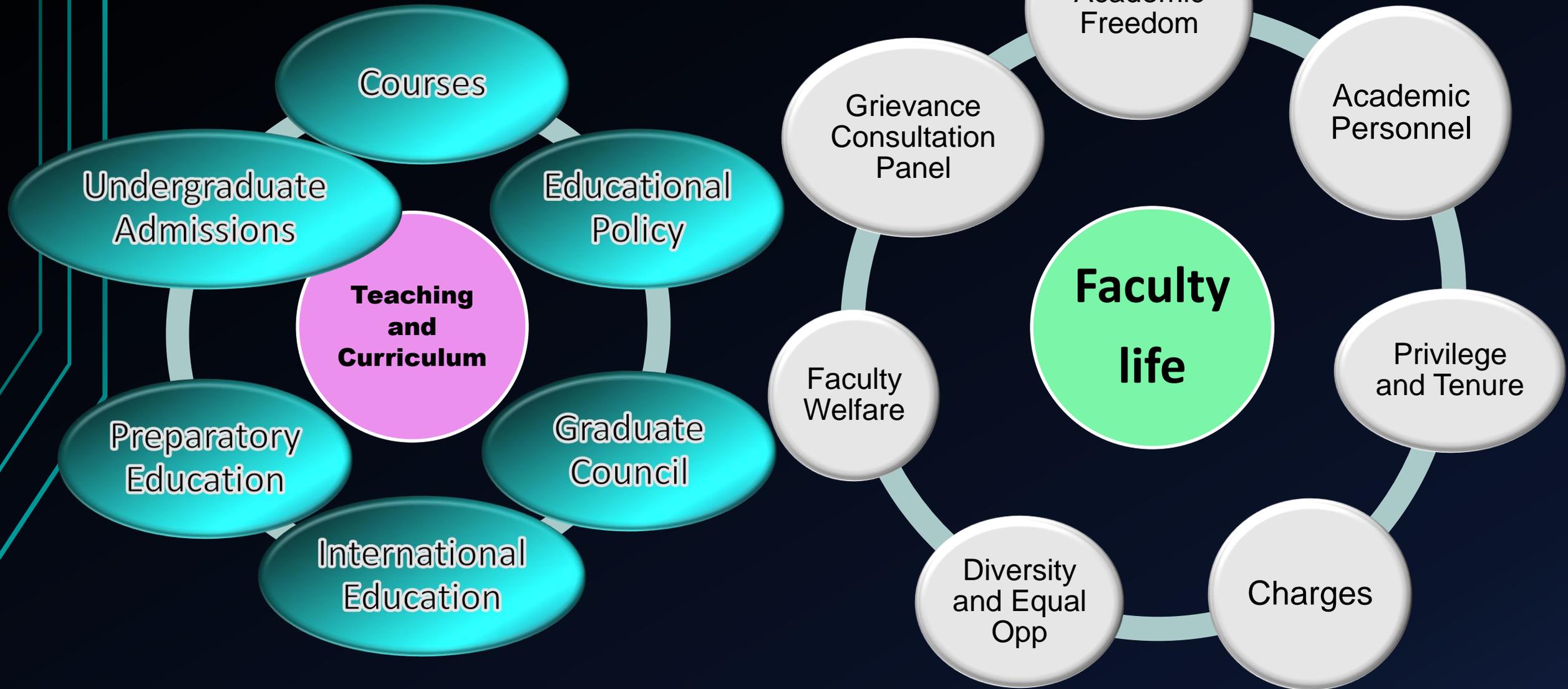
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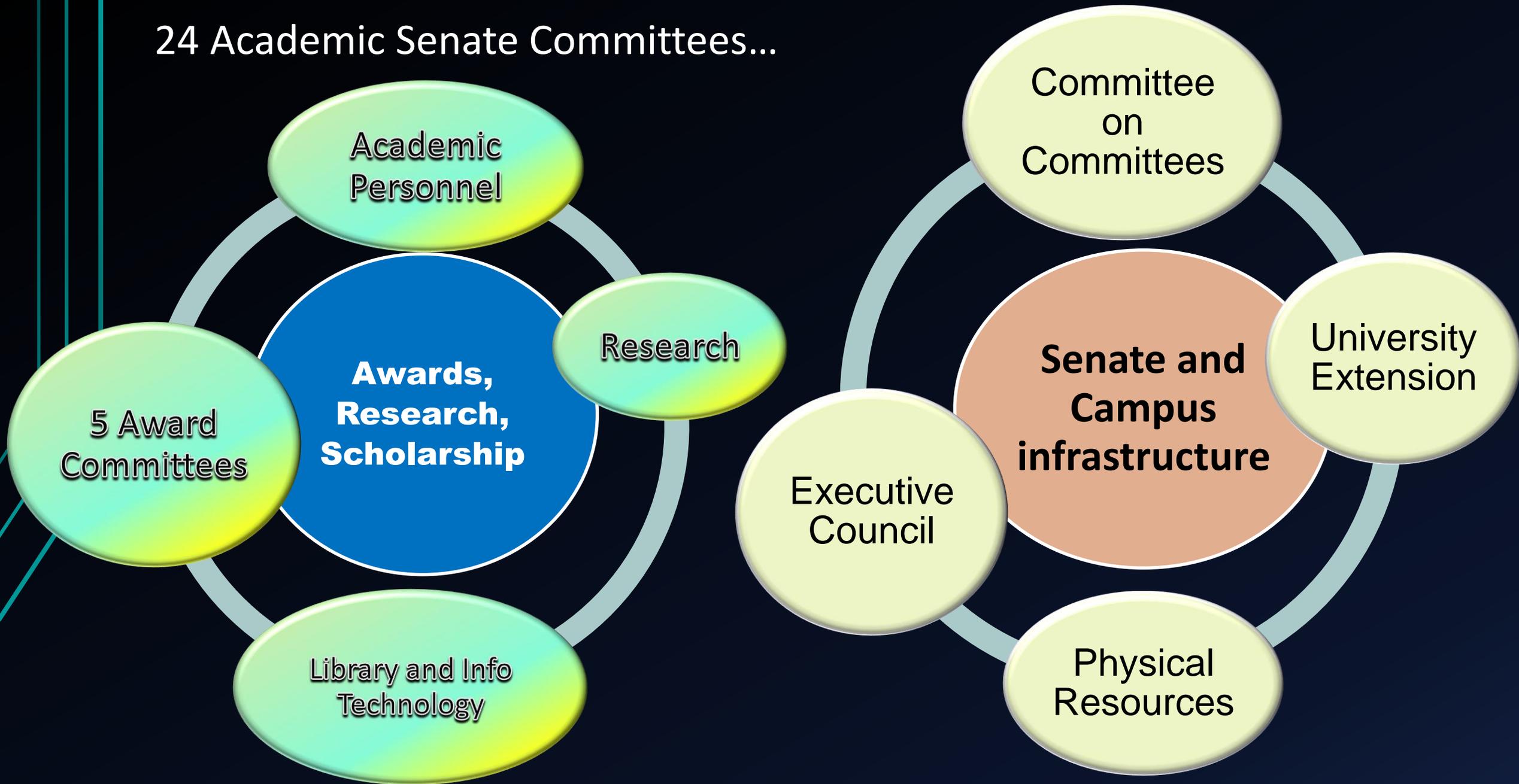
Chief Duties of the Academic Senate



24 Academic Senate Committees...



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“THE JOB”



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