

CS 3.7.5 - Faculty Role in Governance

The institution publishes policies on the responsibility and authority of faculty in academic and governance matters.

Compliance Finding: In Compliance

Narrative:

As the governing body of the University of South Carolina System, the USC Board of Trustees delegates to the President and the faculty their powers [i]. The faculty of the University of South Carolina Beaufort (USC Beaufort), subject to the review of the USC Beaufort Chancellor, the USC System President, and the USC Board of Trustees, has legislative powers in all matters pertaining to standards of admission, registration, requirements for and the granting of earned degrees, curriculum, instruction, research, extracurricular activities, discipline of students, educational policies and standards of the University system, and all other matters pertaining to the conduct of faculty affairs, including the discipline of their own members [ii]

USC Beaufort's policies and procedures regarding the faculty, their rights and their responsibilities are published in The Faculty Manual. The Manual includes the By-Laws of the Faculty Senate which stipulates that the Faculty Senate is “endowed with all the powers and authority of the university faculty. The Senate shall formulate policy regarding the educational practices and standards of the university and all other matters pertaining to the conduct of faculty affairs...” [iii]. The Faculty Manual articulates the contractual elements that define the employment relationship between the faculty and USC Beaufort, including the responsibilities, benefits, and privileges of faculty status. This manual confirms the authority of faculty to participate in the governance of USC Beaufort, specifically with regard to all academic matters.

Supporting Documentation

i [USC Board of Trustees Bylaws](#)

ii [USC Beaufort Faculty Manual -- Faculty Responsibilities](#)

iii [USC Beaufort Faculty Manual -- Bylaw and Standing Rules of the Faculty Senate](#)