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Additional information:

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- **Faculty Senate.** The Faculty Senate represents the teaching and research faculty of the university; its members are elected from academic programs, department chairs, academic program directors, and individuals who devote at least half of their appointment to teaching, librarianship, scholarly activities, or creative activities. The Faculty Senate maintains numerous standing committees to ensure faculty input into all academic matters. The president of the Faculty Senate is also the WSU representative to the Kansas Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (one representative from each of the six governed universities). This group has direct input to the Kansas Board of Regents at its monthly meetings. The Provost and Senior Vice President meets with the Faculty Senate and its executive committee on a bimonthly basis and meets individually with the president of the Faculty Senate bimonthly or more frequently if needed.
- **Unclassified Professional Senate.** The Unclassified Professional Senate includes the professional staff members who are not part of the Faculty Senate. Members include administrators, program coordinators, computer programmers and analysts, and academic advisors. This senate serves as a liaison to the president for all matters related to professional university staff.
- **University Support Staff (formally Classified Senate).** The University Support Staff (USS) replaced the Classified Senate in 2014, which was created in 1985. The USS promotes the interests of all USS employees of the university. Members are asked to serve on various university committees, and their input is sought in important decision-making situations of the University.
- **Student Government Association.** The Student Government Association (SGA) represents the interests of students. Led by an elected president and vice president, SGA leadership includes a treasurer and a secretary. The SGA plays an important role in allocating student fee monies, and its advice is sought on those decisions that will impact the student body. This group has a major advisory role to the president in the vital area of tuition and fees. The president of the SGA meets with the Council of Deans and Directors within academic affairs and has frequent communication with the vice president for student engagement. The dean of students serves as advisor to the SGA. The SGA president also serves on the Regents Students' Advisory Committee and has input to the KBOR at its monthly meetings. This statewide advisory group is established by law.