

GVSU Policies, Office of the Provost, Faculty Governance & Org Charts

Handout for New Faculty Orientation 2026

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Policies

- [Board of Trustees policies](#) – approved by the Board of Trustees.
- [Regular Faculty Handbook](#) – parts of the BOT policies, plus other policy statements concerning faculty governance, the responsibilities of faculty, evaluation procedures, etc. Many policies are in [the “Shared Governance” collection](#), which are approved by the University Academic Senate and the Provost.
- [Affiliate Faculty Handbook](#) – similar to the Regular Faculty Handbook.
- [Senior Leadership Team policies](#) – collection of policies from various offices, usually under the purview of the Senior Leadership Team (Vice Presidents of GVSU, plus a few others).
- [Student Code](#) – developed by the Division of Student Affairs. Includes information on policies addressing [academic dishonesty](#).

All are available at: [the GVSU Policies web site](http://www.gvsu.edu/policies) (www.gvsu.edu/policies)

Office of the Provost

- Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
 - Jennifer Drake
- Associate Vice Presidents
 - Ed Aboufadel (Faculty and Academic Staff Affairs; Senior AVP)
 - Aaron Lowen (Strategy and Data Management)
 - Paul Isely (Strategic Budget Management)
 - Erica Hamilton (Academic Programs)
- Assistant Vice Presidents
 - Mary Albrecht (Administrative Operations and Academic Communications)
- Vice Provosts
 - Christine Rener, (Instructional Development and Innovation)
 - Director, Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center
 - Donovan Anderson (Student Success and Experiential Learning)
 - Ryan Otter, (Research and Innovation)
 - Director, Faculty Research and Innovation Center

For more information: [the website of the Office of the Provost](http://www.gvsu.edu/provost) (www.gvsu.edu/provost)

Faculty Governance

- Executive Committee of the Senate: Meets weekly
- University Academic Senate: Meets monthly, and is open for all faculty to attend
- For both:
 - Chair: Courtney Karasinski (Health Sciences)
 - Vice-Chair: Anne Sergeant (Accounting)
- Major Standing Committees:
 - Academic Policies and Standards (APAC)
 - Affiliate Faculty Advisory Committee (AFAC)
 - Equity and Inclusion (EIC)
 - Faculty Facilities Planning Advisory (FFPAC)
 - Faculty Personnel Policy (FPPC)
 - Faculty Salary and Budget (FSBC)
 - General Education (GEC)
 - Graduate Council (GC)
 - Pew Faculty Teaching and Learning Center Advisory (FTLCAC)
 - University Assessment (UAC)
 - University Curriculum (UCC)

For more information: [the website for GVSU Faculty Governance](http://www.gvsu.edu/facultygov) (www.gvsu.edu/facultygov)

Organizational Charts

- Key path for faculty: Board of Trustees > President Philomena V. Mantella > Provost Jennifer Drake > your dean > your unit head > you
- Organization charts can be found on [a page of the GVSU Policies web site](http://www.gvsu.edu/policies) (www.gvsu.edu/policies).

Classrooms

- A page for each classroom is available on [the GVSU Classrooms website](http://www.gvsu.edu/classrooms) (www.gvsu.edu/classrooms)
- Faculty can work with their department scheduler to request rooms that fit their teaching style. Those conversations are best accomplished in the fall semester.