

## Provost Advisory Council (PAC)

Fall 2025

### Background

As part of the 2024–2025 Provost Listening Tour, faculty and staff across the university shared thoughtful feedback on ways the Office of the Provost could better support our students, faculty, and staff. In response, the Provost is establishing the **Provost's Advisory Council (PAC)**—a standing, representative body that meets with the Provost once per term to offer input and support institutional progress.

### Purpose

The **Provost's Advisory Council (PAC)** exists to ensure the Provost remains connected to the evolving needs, concerns, and opportunities arising across the academic enterprise. Its primary role is to elevate **emerging issues**—whether challenges, innovations, or trends—that may require attention, clarification, or action from the Office of the Provost. The Council provides a structured forum for faculty and staff to share timely input, offer perspectives from their areas, and help the Provost stay informed and responsive. While the PAC is not a decision-making or policy-setting body, its feedback will directly inform the Provost's communication and planning efforts.

### Membership

The PAC will include:

- A minimum of **8** and maximum of **12** members
- Representation from **faculty, staff, and administrative units** across the University
- Members serve for **two years** with opportunity for renewal.

Membership should reflect a balance of disciplines, roles, and perspectives. Faculty and staff from any department are welcome as members.

### Expectations

PAC members should:

- Commit to one 90-minute meeting per term.
- Review materials in advance and engage in discussion
- Elevate ideas, concerns, and innovations from their area
- Collaborate constructively with fellow members and the Provost

### **Nomination Process**

Faculty and staff may self-nominate or nominate a colleague for the inaugural Provost's Advisory Council.

Nominations should be submitted by September 1, 2025 to Vickie Sapien (vickiesapien@scuhs.edu) and include:

- Name and title
- Department or program
- A brief (2–3 sentence) statement of interest or qualifications

Selected members will be announced by early October 2025, and the first meeting will take place later that term.