

Structure of Academic Governance Offices Across the Big Ten

Institution	Director of the Office of Academic Governance			# of people in office	# faculty being represented	# of univ. faculty per office non-student FTE (lower is better)	Notes of interest
	Faculty or staff?	FTE	Reports to				
U Iowa	Pres of the Faculty Senate (faculty)	Part-time	--	1 full-time project coordinator (sits in EVP office)	~1500 tenure-track	1500	Their faculty can donate sick leave to each other
Penn State	Faculty exec director (often past pres of the Senate)	Part-time	Pres of Faculty Senate (?)	7 full-time staff	24 Penn State institutions	??	
U Minnesota	Staff Office Director	Full-time	Pres of Faculty Senate	6 full-time staff, including a staff office director, a deputy director, and 4 other full-time staff	3,900	650	One of the support staff received certification as a Nationally Accredited Parliamentarian (NAP) Having this much help "makes their lives so much easier."
U Maryland	Staff Office Director	Full-time	Pres of University Senate (?)	5 full-time staff, including a staff office director and 4 additional staff	2633	527	"We are still spread thin."
U Wisc-Madison	Staff office manager	Full-time	The "secretary of faculty" is appointed by the chancellor	5 full-time staff, including a "secretary of faculty" an assistant secretary. The office manager is a staff person.	2140	428	
U Illinois Urbana-Champaign	Staff office director	Full-time	??	4 full-time staff, including the full-time staff office director	1900	475	
Purdue	Faculty – the "secretary of faculties"	Half-time	??	1: ½ time faculty "secretary of faculties" and ½ time support staff person	3,055	3,055	
Ohio State	?	?	?	1 full-time staff person and "a couple students"	2,173	2,173	"We need more staff."
Indiana	Staff office director	Full-time	Pres of Faculty Senate (?)	2 full-time staff: Office director + one more	2,038	1,019	
Northwestern	?	?	?	2 full-time staff: An admin coordinator and a staff support researcher	1500	750	"The staff support researcher has made a huge difference in our ability to get things done."
MSU	Faculty	Half-time	Provost	1.5: half-time faculty Secretary for Acad Gov, 1 full-time staff person. Plus 3 students who work only on keeping the list of voting faculty up to date	5,700	3,800	

Summary: Most Big Ten offices of academic governance are led by a full-time staff Office Director who reports to the chair of the Faculty Senate, or are led by the President of the Faculty Senate. MSU is an outlier in terms of having Office of Acad Gov led by a faculty person other than the chair of the Faculty Senate, and having that person report to the Provost rather than faculty reps. We are also an outlier in terms of having low support staff FTEs per faculty member represented. Staff or faculty can get certification as a Nationally Accredited Parliamentarian. *Source: Jennifer Johnson notes from the Big Ten Academic Alliance Shared Governance Summit on 10/9/19 in Ann Arbor, Michigan*