

School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences Bylaws

POLICY 01: DEFINITION OF THE SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICAL AND STATISTICAL SCIENCES

1. The School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences is an academic unit of the College of Sciences at the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley. The authority of the School Faculty and the School Director, as stated herein, shall be exercised within the framework and limitations of the relevant statutes of the State of Texas ¹, the Regents' Rules and Regulations of the University of Texas System ², University of Texas System Policies ³, and the Handbook of Operating Procedures of the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley ⁴.
2. The School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences has the following membership categories:
 - a. Tenured and Tenure-Track faculty at the ranks of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Full Professor, including Tenured and Tenure-Track Faculty members with at least a 50% appointment in the School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences and if the faculty member's tenure or tenure-track status is in the School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences,
 - b. Three-Year Lecturers I, II, and III (full-time) and Senior Lecturers,
 - c. One-Year Lecturers (full-time),
 - d. Part-Time Adjuncts (part-time), and
 - e. Faculty formerly under the preceding categories (a) or (b) undergoing phased retirement.
 - f. Retired faculty with the rank of Professor Emeritus.
3. Membership in the School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences is a necessary but not sufficient requirement for participation in School Committees⁵ and for voting in school-related business.
4. Formerly tenured faculty undergoing phased retirement, that used to have at least 50% appointment in the School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences, with tenure or tenure-track status in the School of Mathematical and Statistical Sciences, prior to phased retirement, may participate in all committees and voting for which tenure-track faculty are also eligible to participate, except for additional exclusions by University Policy⁶
5. 3-year Lecturers undergoing phased retirement may participate in all committees and voting for which all 3-year Lecturers are eligible to participate.
6. Because a Professor Emeritus is not a full member of the UTRGV Faculty, all emeritus professors shall be precluded from participating in activities for which an active membership on the faculty is a prerequisite, including but not limited to serving on committees and voting.⁷

¹ See, Texas Education Code, Title 3 Higher Education. Available at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/?link=ED>.

² See, University of Texas Regents' Rules and Regulations. Available at <http://www.utsystem.edu/board-of-regents/rules>.

³ All UTS Policies are available at <https://www.utsystem.edu/sites/policy-library>.

⁴ See, Handbook of Operating Procedures, available at <http://www.utrgv.edu/hop/>

⁵ The School Committees include Standing Committees, Elected Committees (which include Personnel Committees), and Ad Hoc Committees. Other bylaw policies cover the details regarding the process for forming School Committees (i.e. committee membership, whether they are elected or appointed, and who is eligible to vote, if elected) and the duties and responsibilities of the respective committees.

⁶ See EVPAA Guidelines policy on Phased Retirement, linked from <https://www.utrgv.edu/academicaffairs/faculty-resources/index.htm>

⁷ See UTRGV HOP Section ADM 06-402 (Emeritus Faculty).