

# UNIVERSITY LABORATORY SCHOOL

A Hawai'i Public Charter School

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE BY-LAWS

Adopted: August 20, 2019

### I. PURPOSE

The **Academic Excellence Committee** (the "Committee") is responsible for working with the Principal and/or the Principal's designee(s) to define academic excellence, support the school's academic program, ensure that all Governing Board members know the charter and accreditation assurances that were made to the community and the authorizer, and to devise clear and consistent measures to monitor these goals.

### II. DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS

The Committee, as authorized by the ULS Governing Board (the "Board"), shall have the following duties and functions:

- Review data to assess progress towards meeting the academic goals as articulated in the charter and accreditation report and summary.
- Act as a sounding board for Principal [and/or designee(s)] about how to improve instructional practices and curricula based on student performance data.
- Work with the Principal and/or Principal's designee(s) to provide Governing Board training, as necessary, to understand how the organization is achieving the Governing Board approved academic goals as articulated in the charter, and the goals articulated in the school's accreditation report.

The Board may task the Committee with additional duties and functions as may be necessary from time to time.

### III. MEMBERSHIP AND OFFICERS

The appointment and terms of membership to the Committee shall be made pursuant to the Board By-Laws, Article V. Officers and Terms of Office, section D.

Each year, the Committee shall elect one member to be its Chairperson, provided that the Chairperson shall be a member of the Board. In the event of a vacancy, the Board Chairperson may appoint an interim Chairperson of the Committee. The Committee may elect other officers from its membership as may be necessary to facilitate the efficient conduct of its duties and functions.

### IV. MEETINGS

A meeting of the Committee may be called by the Chairperson, or by agreement of a majority of the members of the Committee, as necessary to fulfill the Committee's duties

and functions. Committee meetings shall be open to the public and a notice and agenda of a meeting of the Committee shall be posted at the ULS office and on the ULS website not less than six (6) calendar days prior to a given meeting. Quorum for meetings of the Committee shall be a majority of the appointed members of the Committee.

## **V. REPORTING**

The Committee shall keep written minutes of its meetings that include:

- (A) the date, time, and place of the meeting;
- (B) the members of the Committee recorded as either present or absent;
- (c) the substance of all matters proposed, discussed, and decided;
- (d) the views of the meeting participants;
- (e) a record, by individual Committee member, of any votes taken; and
- (f) any other information that any member of the Committee requests be reflected in the minutes.

The Committee shall cause to have posted the written minutes from its meetings at the ULS office and the ULS website within sixty (60) calendar days after the respective meeting or five (5) calendar days after its next meeting, whichever is sooner.

The Committee shall deliver reports to the Board on all significant matters it has discussed and decided.

## **VI. REVIEW**

The Committee will review its duties and functions at least annually. As necessary and with the assistance of the Governance Committee, the Committee shall propose amendments to its By-Laws and present such amendments to the Board for consideration and approval.

## **VII. ANNUAL ASSESSMENT**

At least annually, the Board, acting through the Governance Committee, shall review the effectiveness of the Committee in fulfilling its duties and functions as set forth in this document.

## **VIII. REMOVAL AND VACANCIES**

Any member of the Committee may be removed and replaced at any time by the Board. The Board will fill vacancies on the Committee by appointment from among members of the Board or other individuals determined qualified and willing to serve. If a vacancy exists on the Committee, the remaining members may continue to conduct Committee duties and functions as long as a quorum remains in office.