

### 3.4.10

The institution places primary responsibility for the content, quality, and effectiveness of its curriculum with its faculty. **(Responsibility for curriculum)**

Academic Affairs policy (ACAF 2.00) provides legislative authority over matters pertaining to curriculum. Academic units originate and develop curriculum and courses (ACAF 2.03) for programs. These are in turn reviewed by a committee of Faculty Senate for undergraduate programs, and two separate committees of the Graduate Council for graduate programs. The professional schools have curriculum committees that are internal to their college/school and faculty, but are controlled by the faculty. ACAF 2.00 also covers the process for distance learning programs offered by departments. These procedures vary by the percentage of content delivered by distance learning methods. The Provost's Office oversees the curriculum process. The Provost, the President, and in some instances the USC Board of Trustees endorse new programs and curriculum. The final step is outlined by S.C. Code of Laws, Section 59-103-35, and requires the South Carolina Commission on Higher Education to review all major modifications of programs. Programs are reviewed at the department level for quality assurance.