



Centers, Institutes, and Other Special Units (CIOSU) Definition

Section C.2.3.6 in the Faculty Manual:

“In accordance with policies set by the Faculty Council, faculty members may be organized into units to accomplish special missions in teaching, research, or service. The Committee on University Programs shall recommend policies and procedures concerning the establishment, continuance, and termination of such units to Faculty Council (see Section C.2.1.9.5.j.1). Faculty Council action regarding establishment or termination of such units shall be reported in accordance with Section B.2.6 of the Manual.”

Committee on University Programs

Section C.2.1.9.5.j.1:

“Concerning Centers, Institutes, and Other Special Units:

- a. To develop and recommend to Faculty Council criteria for identifying university units subject to Section C.2.3.6 University Centers, Institutes, and Other Special Units.
- b. To develop and recommend to Faculty Council policies and procedures for the establishment, continuance, and termination of centers, institutes, and other units meeting the established criteria.
- c. In consultation with other standing committees as appropriate, to evaluate proposals for centers, institutes, and other units meeting the established criteria on the basis of (1) appropriateness and acceptability of the name of the unit and (2) consistency of the mission of the unit with the mission and strategic plan of the University, and to make recommendations based on these evaluations for action by Faculty Council.”

Section B.2.6.1 in the Faculty Manual:

“The CIOSUs are units which extend beyond a single academic department. These units may be labeled “Center,” “Institute,” “Office,” “Facility,” “Program,” or “Laboratory,” but other labels may also be used as appropriate. A unit which is completely contained within a single academic department does not need to apply for CIOSU status as long as it indicates its departmental affiliation whenever its title is used.”