

Naval War College Faculty Advisory Council

Since its founding as the Naval War College (NWC) on Coaster's Harbor Island in 1884, NWC has been an international forum for naval practitioners and civilian academics to expand their knowledge of contemporary questions of future concern for maritime and military thinkers. As such, NWC Presidents have always relied upon the expertise and informed recommendations that are unique to those who have served and now serve as faculty of the oldest continuously running war college in the United States. Given this rich tradition, the Faculty Advisory Council represents the faculty to the PNWC and Provost to examine issues of contemporary faculty focus, develop recommendations in executing our mission, and ensure the future success of the Naval War College in keeping with the traditions of our institution.

The specific function of the Faculty Advisory Council is to advice and/or recommendations regarding policies, issues, and concerns relevant to education, research, outreach and organizational excellence, as requested by the NWC President/Provost and/or raised by the NWC faculty. A key part of performing this function is building trust and transparency in NWC communication processes, promoting cross-college communication and understanding, and providing a strong feedback loop between the NWC faculty and administration to help strengthen NWC community cohesion.

The FAC is comprised of faculty members nominated and elected by the faculty from across the institution. Representation covers all elements within the NWC faculty, including seasoned civilian faculty, military faculty, and junior civilian faculty. The number of representatives from each NWC element is dependent upon the size of the faculty population within that element. FAC members serve two-year terms and are elected by the faculty of their respective organizations within NWC. To ensure fresh perspectives, members cannot serve consecutive terms, but may serve again after a one period hiatus. The periods among the representatives are staggered (half the FAC turns over each year) to ensure continuity in NWC element representation and continuity within the FAC. The FAC elects its own Leadership team, consisting of a Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Steward, and Web Manager.

The day-to-day functioning of the FAC consists of bi-weekly meetings, as well as regular communication within the FAC over email and secondary working groups or subcommittees. The Leadership team also meets biweekly with the Provost, and the FAC is represented on nearly every major committee at the NWC. FAC representatives also serve as a conduit for information and discussion within their units, strengthening transparency and the feedback loop about policies, procedures, and activities across the broader NWC. In order to maintain FAC independent ability to explore all issues of NWC faculty concern, the FAC will exercise sole determining authority regarding specific issues examined by the FAC.