Background

The Committee oversees and advises the Executive Committee on matters relating to the University’s policies and procedures on the admission and instruction of students, including academic integrity, admissions policies and administration, evaluation of teaching, examinations and grading, academic experiences, educational opportunities (such as study abroad), student records, disciplinary systems and the campus environment. In general, the Committee deals with the matters covered by the following section of the University’s Handbook for Faculty and Academic Administrators: IV.

2017-2018 Specific Charges

1. Engage with the Offices of the Vice Provost for University Life and Vice Provost for Education on the development of a repository of mental health and wellness resources at Penn and review how information on available resources is communicated to students and faculty.
2. Explore the nature and prevalence of substance abuse on campus and related educational programming and explore the possibility of developing a University Recovery Center and housing.
3. Explore the nature and prevalence of sexual violence on campus and related institutional policies, practices and resources.
4. Assess the impact of the Faculty Wellness Ambassador program.
5. Support the planning and execution of “Knowledge Teach-In” events.

Recommendations to 2018-2019 SCSEP

1. Assist and provide faculty consultation to the Associate Vice Provost for Wellness.
2. Provide oversight and recommendations regarding the progress of the wellness initiatives, specifically advancing the integration of wellness across all University curricula.
3. Hold an open meeting for students to provide input and continue to seek student input on existing programs, CAPS and new wellness initiatives whenever possible.
4. Evaluate approaches and strategies for pass/fail grade system in first semester of freshman year.