



PUBLIC DECISION



Introduction

The University Council at the University of Tabuk is the highest administrative authority of the institution. It is responsible for overseeing the university's academic, administrative, and financial affairs, as well as approving and monitoring strategic policies, plans, and regulations. The council plays a central role in ensuring effective governance and institutional accountability.

Composition and Governance

- The University Council is composed of:
- Minister of Education - Chair of the Council
- University President - Vice Chair
- University Vice Presidents
- Secretary General of the Council of Higher Education
- Deans of Colleges
- Three experts appointed by the Minister of Education for a three-year term

Meetings and Decision-Making:

- The Council meets at least once a month, or additionally as needed, upon the request of the Chair or one-third of its members.
- A quorum of two-thirds of members is required for the meeting to be valid.
- Decisions are made by an absolute majority, with the Chair holding a casting vote in the event of a tie.

For details:

- [University of Tabuk Procedural Manual](#) (p.24-34).

Public Sharing of Decisions

The University of Tabuk publicly shares the decisions and recommendations of its University Council meetings through:

- The official University of Tabuk website
- University social media platforms, including X (formerly Twitter)

Published decisions typically include:

- Approval of memoranda of understanding with international universities (e.g., University of Porto, Portugal).
- Approval of regulations for student admission, exchange programs, and support for talented and creative students.
- Launch of new academic programs (e.g., Master's in Pharmaceutical Sciences).
- Adoption of research chair regulations and faculty appointments, promotions, or assignments.
- Approval of strategic plans, organizational updates, and institutional policies.

Examples of Recent Decisions

- **Fourth University Council Meeting, Academic Year 1447H**
(https://x.com/u_tabuk/status/2024201949575270589?s=48)
 - Approval of MoU with the University of Porto
 - Approval of student exchange program regulations
 - Launch of Master's program in Pharmaceutical Sciences
 - Adoption of research chair regulations
 - Approval of faculty appointments and promotions

- **Third University Council Meeting, Academic Year 1447H**
(https://x.com/u_tabuk/status/2002980994387959971?s=48)
 - Approval of strategic plans for expenditure efficiency
 - Approval of updated organizational structure
 - Renewal and formation of standing committees (e.g., Graduate Studies Committee, Research Chairs Committee)

Access to Council Minutes

The decisions and minutes of council meetings are available to the public via the following channels:

- University of Tabuk official website: <https://www.ut.edu.sa/media-center/news>
- Social media platforms where official announcements are posted, including X (formerly Twitter).

Conclusion

The University of Tabuk ensures transparent governance by making the outcomes of its University Council meetings publicly accessible. This practice promotes institutional accountability, encourages engagement