

Academic Excellence Committee Report

Committee Name: Academic Excellence Committee

Date of Report: 5/12/2026

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Date of last meeting: 5/06/2026

Next meeting date: May 28, 2026

Committee Update:

We welcomed Lisa Wikman to our meeting. Our committee addressed the topic that arose at the April board meeting regarding class sizes, how it affects classical style of teaching and how the board, and specifically the AEC, can address these discussion points. We will be individually reviewing the class size report that was created as a result of Strategic Plan Goal 9.4. After the review, we will determine if there are any gaps needing to be addressed, items that can become actionable and discuss the AEC's role in moving this from the grammar phase to logic and rhetoric phase if appropriate. This will be conducted at our next meeting. The committee discussed and approved Shannon Hooge as the next chair of the AEC for SY 2026-27. We will recommend this change in chairperson to the board.

Motions/ Action Items for the Board Meeting:

For the Consent Agenda:

Approve Shannon Hooge as the chair of the Academic Excellence Committee.

For the Business Section:

none

2025-2026

Committee Goals

“The Academic Excellence Committee is charged by and shall be responsible to the Board for ensuring that Nova Classical maintains high academic standards, adheres to the board-approved classical education definition, and sustains academic operations consistent with the mission and vision as outlined in the Strategic Plan.” (Revised by AEC 1/25, adopted by the board 3/25)

Goal	Notes	Due Date/ Complete?
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<p>For FY2023 through FY2026, the School's Board of Directors will evaluate academic progress at a public meeting at least twice annually and shall include a summary of its findings in the applicable board minute</p>		
<p>The Committee shall be responsible to the Board for ensuring that Nova Classical maintains high academic standards</p>		
<p>The Committee shall be responsible to the Board for ensuring that Nova Classical adheres to the board approved definition of classical education</p>		