The College of Medicine is governed by the Bylaws and regulations of the Board of Directors of the University of Cincinnati as adopted July 19, 1966 and subsequently amended. Nothing in the Bylaws of the College of Medicine shall be construed as superseding the University Bylaws.

Article 1. The Faculty

The Faculty of the College of Medicine shall consist of those individuals who have been duly appointed by the Board of Trustees of the University of Cincinnati, as defined by Article II, Sections 3 and 4 of the Regulations of the Board of Trustees.

Article 2. Academic Departments

The Faculty shall be organized into appropriate academic departments in a manner that reflects the major scientific disciplines of the field of medicine. Those departments which are large in size and which encompass diverse groups may create smaller units known as divisions. Departments shall have periodic meetings for the purpose of reviewing academic pursuits and disposing of such administrative matters as may be necessary.

Article 3. Department Heads

Upon recommendation of the Dean, the Senior Vice President and Provost for Health Affairs, the President and upon approval by the Board of Trustees of the University, certain members of the faculty shall be designated as the Directors of the Departments described in Article 2. The Director of Surgery shall recommend the Chief of Staff to the Shrine Burn Hospital. The Director of the Department of Psychiatry shall recommend the Director of the Central Psychiatric Clinic.

Article 4. The Dean

The Dean shall be the chief administrative officer of the College. The Dean shall be the Chairman of the Dean's Committee of the Veterans Administration Hospital. The Dean shall report to the Senior Vice President and Provost for Health Affairs and represent the College of Medicine at the intercollegiate level of the University. The Dean shall transmit policy that has been formed by the University of the faculty of the College of Medicine. The Dean shall preside at the meetings of the Faculty Council.

Article 5. Periodic Review

The Dean and the Department Directors shall be appointed in accordance with University Bylaws. In the College of Medicine, the term of appointment shall be up to seven years, subject to review; reappointment is possible. No later than the penultimate year of the incumbent's term, a committee shall review progress and recommend future directions and developments in the College or the Department. These reviews will be focused on the quality of academic programs within the Department or College as well as on the leadership of the Director or Dean.

Article 6. The Faculty Council

The Faculty Council shall be the governing body of the College of Medicine. This body shall be composed of the Directors of the Departments, the Director of the Cancer Center, the Director of Geriatric Medicine, the President and President-elect of the Faculty Forum and, in an ex-officio, non-voting capacity, the Associate Deans, one medical student and one graduate student representative. The Dean shall be the Chairman of the Faculty Council. The Faculty Council shall determine academic and instructional policy for the College. It shall be the final authority at the collegiate level for the admission, academic advancement, graduation and determination of the status of students. The Faculty Council shall meet monthly with the exception of the months of July and August. A quorum shall consist of 51% of the voting members of the Council. Special meetings may be held upon written request of seven members of the Council as called by the Dean.
Article 10. Amendments

Amendments to these Bylaws may be initiated by the Faculty Council or by a request in writing to the Faculty Council from the Faculty Forum or from 50 members of the faculty (as defined in Article 1). If the Faculty Council agrees with the suggested amendment and, after consultation with Faculty Forum, the Dean will submit the proposed amendment to the Faculty for a vote by mail ballot. Approval by a two-thirds majority of those voting shall constitute adoption of the amendment (April 9, 1974).

1) Amendments: Approved by the Faculty Council, March, 1980. Approved by mail ballot of the Faculty of the College of Medicine (141 for, 10 against). Approved by the Board of Trustees, May 6, 1980.

2) Amendments: Approved by the Faculty Council, January 30, 1984. Approved by mail ballot of the Faculty of the College of Medicine (351 for, 4 against) March 6, 1984.

3) Amendments: Approved by the Faculty Council, May 1987. Approved by mail ballot of the Faculty of the College of Medicine, June 15, 1987 –
   Article 3 - 198 for, 4 against
   Article 4 - 192 for, 8 against
   Article 6 - 192 for, 8 against
   Article 8 - 179 for, 21 against
   Article 9 - 189 for, 11 against

4) Amendments: Approved by Faculty Council, November 1996. Approved by mail ballot of the Faculty of the College of Medicine (301 for, 10 against), January 2, 1997.

5) Amendments: Approved by Faculty Council, October 2003. Approved by mail ballot of the Faculty of the College of Medicine, December 1, 2003.