The ESL committee makes recommendations about English language proficiency requirements for admission, placement, and teaching for non-native speakers of English to the Graduate School and International Education, Undergraduate Council, Graduate Council, and Faculty Senate. The committee also functions as an advisory committee to the Provost/Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs concerning the training of international graduate teaching assistants .

Membership consists of one faculty representative from each undergraduate college and school (six); one faculty representative from the English Language and Cultural Studies Program, the two Associate Deans of the Graduate School and International Education; the Chairperson of the Department of World Languages (WLLC) or their designee; the Chairperson of the Department of English (ENGL) or their designee; one student who is a non-native speaker of English; and the Directors of the following offices: International Admissions, International Students and Scholars, and Testing Services.

The co-chairs of the committee shall be 1) a committee faculty member elected by the other committee members and 2) the director of international admissions in the Graduate School and International Education.