

Faculty Senator

Responsibilities

Faculty senators participate in the process of shared governance within the University in one of five roles: representative, consultative, advisory, shared responsibility, and delegated authority. Faculty senators hold two-year terms and may serve two consecutive terms. Specifics of the role are summarized below. For a complete description of the responsibilities please refer to the [General Faculty Bylaws](#) and [Faculty Senate Bylaws](#).

General Faculty and Faculty Senate

- Attend by-weekly Faculty Senate meetings
- Serve on one of four Faculty Senate committees which meet bi-weekly
 - GoCORE (Governance, Communication, Recruitment Committee)
 - Academic Policy Committee
 - Resources and Environment Committee
 - Personnel Committee
- Participate in the shared governance of the University via the Faculty Senate through the following avenues
 - Representative – present an issue of concern presented raised by a member of the faculty to the Senate for consideration by the Faculty Senate
 - Consultative–communication or discussion of information with any administrator with authority and responsibility for a decision.
 - Advisory–development of policies by the Faculty Senate to be recommended to any administrator who is authorized to make a decision
 - Shared Responsibility– make policy recommendations to the chancellor, provost, and vice-chancellors
 - Delegated Authority–the chancellor or an authorized designee may delegate authority to the Faculty Senate on specified matters.
- Act as a representative of the general faculty with regard to actions taken as a member of the Faculty Senate
- As a member of the Faculty Senate, report the views and collective wisdom of the general faculty on issues related to the University or its academic operations to appropriate audiences
- As a member of the Faculty Senate, have a consultative or advisory role in all matters concerning the mission, welfare, and

Other Committee Participation

performance of the university

- Serve on a university standing committee as a liaison between the committee and the Faculty Senate, reporting on the activity as warranted
- If serving in the second through the fourth year of service, consider standing for election as a member of the Faculty Senate executive committee
 - Attend Faculty Senate executive committee meetings
 - Serve as chair or co-chair of one of the four Faculty Senate committees

Election and Succession

Faculty senators are elected from members of the general faculty. Faculty holding titles above the head of the department are not eligible to hold a Senate seat. Otherwise, those eligible to hold Senate seats are full-time (FTE 0.75 benefit eligible) regular faculty, i.e. tenured and tenure-track faculty, full-time non-tenure track (except field faculty) faculty, faculty in the phased-retirement program, and emeritus faculty. Faculty Senate elections take place in the spring; terms begin on July 1.

Estimated time commitment: 3-4.5 hour/week depending on whether you serve as a member of the Faculty Senate executive committee and/or serve as chair or co-chair of a Faculty senate standing Committee.