

Election of FAS Representatives to a University Senate Planning Body

PROCEDURES

Fall 2024

Introduction

By an electronic ballot conducted from May 21 to May 30, 2024, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences voted in favor of electing twelve representatives (three each from the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, the Division of Arts and Humanities, the Division of Science, and the Division of Social Science) to a proposed University Senate Planning Body.

Nomination of Candidates

Any ladder or senior non-ladder member (a professor of any rank, a senior lecturer, or a senior preceptor) of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences is eligible to stand for election to the Planning Body if nominated to do so by three or more voting members of the FAS during the nomination period. Voting members of the Faculty may nominate up to eight eligible members of the FAS for seats on the Planning Body. When nominees are contacted by the Secretary of the Faculty about their nomination at the close of the nomination process, they will have five days to decide whether they will accept the nomination. In the event that, after these nominees have responded, there are fewer than six candidates per division or school, the Election Committee will choose which eligible candidates with fewer than three nominations will be invited to stand for election.

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Each voting member of the Faculty may vote and may vote for up to four candidates, regardless of rank or division or school. Each voter may cast only one vote per candidate. The three candidates with the highest vote totals from each division or school will win seats on the Planning Body.

Joint Appointments

For the purposes of the election, voting members of the Faculty with joint appointments will be assigned to their primary department or school. Courtesy voters will be assigned to the division of their area of expertise. No department will be split between divisions.

Filling Vacancies

If a Planning Body member steps down due to a leave or is no longer eligible to serve due to a change in status, that person's seat will be filled by an alternate. First, the nominee who received the most votes but did not win election to that seat will be asked to serve. If that person is unwilling or unable to serve, the third highest vote getter for that seat from the election will be asked to serve, and so forth. If the seat cannot be filled this way, then the Election Committee will have the power to appoint an alternate.

Election Committee

All procedures and rules needed to implement this election system will be developed by the Office of the Secretary of the Faculty in consultation with the Docket Committee (sitting as the Election Committee). Any special cases or circumstances not discussed here will be dealt with using the FAS Faculty Council election procedures.