

[Bylaws of the Faculty Senate](#)

Article II. Offices of the Faculty Senate

E. Election of Officers

1. Voting Qualifications and Procedures

The right to vote in the election of Senate officers shall be limited to the voting representatives of electing units. Voting shall take place by secret ballot as specified in *Section II-E-7* of these *By-Laws*.

2. Election Process and Order of Business

As provided in *Section III-A* of these *By-Laws*, the newly constituted Faculty Senate shall elect its officers at a meeting called for the purpose. The order of business in each case shall be as follows:

a. Election Process for each office

- i. Call for additional nominations;
- ii. reduction of the number of nominees to twice the number of positions as described in *Section II-E-3*, if necessary;
- iii. presentations, if any, by the nominees;
- iv. election.

b. Order of Business

Elections, defined as the series of steps set forth in *Section II-E-1* of these *By-Laws*, shall take place in the following order. No election for a subsequently listed office shall be held until the election to fill the previously listed office is concluded.

- i. Chair
- ii. Vice Chair
- iii. Standing Policy Committee Chairs
- iv. At-large Members of the Executive Committee

3. The Number of Candidates

If the number of candidates nominated for any elected senate office is greater than twice the number of available positions, the Faculty Senate shall reduce the number to twice the number of available positions by selecting, by secret ballot, from among the several nominees, a number equal to twice the number of available positions for a vote in the subsequent election. When making this selection, each representative may vote for twice the number of available positions. In case of ties, the number of nominees shall be increased to include the tied candidates. Each candidate selected shall have received more votes than any candidate not selected.

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

The election of the Executive Officers of the Faculty Senate (Chair and Vice Chair) shall be by secret ballot. The candidate for each office who receives more votes than any other candidate for that office shall be elected.

5. Election of Chairs of the Standing Policy Committees

The election of the Chairs of the standing Policy Committees of the Faculty Senate shall be by secret ballot. The candidate for each office who receives more votes than any other candidate for that office shall be elected.

6. Election of the At-large Elected Members of the Executive Committee

The manner of electing the At-large voting members of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

When the candidates have been nominated and selected, the Senate shall immediately elect, by secret ballot, from among those candidates the At-large elected members of the Executive Committee. Each representative may vote for each of the available At-large positions. Each of the At-large candidates elected shall have received more votes than any candidate not elected. In case of ties, the Senate shall immediately vote by secret ballot to break the tie. Each representative shall have one vote.

7. Secret Ballot

All elections shall be conducted by secret ballot. In the case of a single nominee for an office a Yes-No ballot shall be required.

F. Election of Additional Standing Policy Committee Officers

At its first meeting of the academic year, each standing Policy Committee shall elect, from among its membership, a Vice Chair and any other Committee officers deemed appropriate.

The Vice Chair of a standing Policy Committee shall preside over the routine business of a standing Policy Committee in the absence of the Committee Chair or, should the office of standing Policy Committee Chair become vacant, until the election of a new Committee Chair; under this provision the standing Policy Committee Vice Chair shall not serve as an *ex-officio* member of the Senate or its Executive Committee.