

[Bylaws of the Faculty Senate](#)

Article II. Offices of the Faculty Senate

G. Vacancies

A vacancy in the voting membership of the Executive Committee shall be filled by nomination and election at the first meeting of the Faculty Senate after the vacancy occurs. The nominee elected shall have received more votes than any candidate not elected.

1. **Chair of the Faculty Senate:** If the office of Chair of the Faculty Senate becomes vacant, the Vice Chair shall assume the title and functions of the Chair. A new Vice Chair shall be elected at the first meeting of the Faculty Senate after the vacancy occurs. Any serving representative of an electing unit shall be eligible to be elected Vice Chair. If a Chair of a standing Policy Committee, serving simultaneously as a representative of an electing unit, is elected Vice Chair, the Vice Chair of the standing Policy Committee shall preside over the routine business of the standing Policy Committee until a successor can be elected as provided below. If an At-large member of the Executive Committee is elected Vice Chair, an election shall be held then and there to fill the vacated seat of the At-large member of the Executive Committee who has just been elected Vice Chair.
2. **Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate:** If the office of Vice Chair becomes vacant, the vacancy shall be filled by nomination and election at the first meeting of the Faculty Senate after the vacancy occurs. Any serving representative of an electing unit shall be eligible to be elected Vice Chair. When time does not permit the Faculty Senate to act in this manner, the Executive Committee shall appoint an interim Vice Chair from among the representatives of the electing units to serve until the Faculty Senate has the opportunity to act.
3. **Standing Policy Committee Chairs:** If the office of Chair of a standing Policy Committee with membership on the Executive Committee becomes vacant, the Vice Chair of the Committee shall preside over the routine business of the standing Policy Committee until the Faculty Senate shall elect a successor as provided in *Sections II-D. 4 and E. 5* of these *Bylaws*. The Vice Chair, acting under this provision, shall not serve as an *ex-officio* member of the Executive Committee.
4. **At Large Members of the Executive Committee:** If a seat of an at large member of the Executive Committee becomes vacant, the seat would be filled by nomination and election at the first meeting of the Faculty Senate after the vacancy occurs.
5. **Multiple Vacancies:** If several vacancies occur at once in the voting membership of the Executive Committee, the Faculty Senate shall fill those vacancies by nomination and election at the first meeting to be convened after the vacancies occur. Vacancies shall be filled in the following order: Chair of the Faculty Senate, Vice Chair, the At-large members of the Executive Committee. Vacancies among Chairs of the standing Policy Committees shall be filled as described in the preceding paragraph of this section.