

Duties of a Faculty Senator

Excerpted from the *Faculty Senate Bylaws*

ARTICLE II. Faculty Senate Organization.

B. Elected Faculty Members: Criteria, Election, Term of Office, and Duties. Elected faculty members shall be chosen from those members of the faculty meeting the following criteria at the time of the election: (1) the holding of full-time or continuing part-time appointment with the rank, or equivalent rank, of lecturer, clinical instructor, assistant professor or higher; and (2) the performance of academic duties totaling at least half-time teaching, research, service, or departmental administration. The term of office for each elected faculty member is three years (except as set forth below in paragraph E of this Section 1) and begins August 1 of the year in which the member is elected. The members elected by each college, unit, or division (as provided for in Section 2 of this Article II) shall be divided into three classes, each class consisting of approximately one-third of the elected representatives of each college, unit, or division. After completion of a full three-year term or any partial term of more than one year, an elected faculty member shall be eligible for a second three-year term. A senator who has served two consecutive terms is eligible for nomination only after being off the Faculty Senate for a full three years.

C. Alternates. Each alternate is elected or appointed to serve on behalf of an elected faculty member at individual Faculty Senate meetings as a representative of the college, unit, or division electing that faculty member. An alternate must be eligible to serve as an elected faculty member at the time he or she is elected or appointed to serve.

D. Duties of a Faculty Senator. Each voting member of the Faculty Senate shall:

1. Represent the constituency and the broader interests of the faculty;
2. Attend and participate in Faculty Senate meetings (Mondays 3:30-5:00pm) on a regular basis;
3. Participate actively in the appropriate caucus;
4. Communicate and interact regularly with constituents;
5. Maintain active membership on at least one Faculty Senate standing committee;
6. Serve on other committees and task forces as needed; and
7. Participate in Faculty Senate retreats, training, and information sessions.