

## SENATE ELECTION FAQs

### ***What elections are conducted by the Senate?***

Elections for Senate representatives (held in the spring) and elections for members of administrator search committees. These are the only elections conducted by a Senate representative using the process described.

### ***Who can vote?***

In elections for Senate Representatives: all full-time faculty without administrative appointments (deans and associate deans cannot vote).

In elections for administrator search committees: according to department/college bylaws or according to department/college agreement.

### ***Who can serve?***

On the Senate: all full-time faculty without administrative appointments (deans and associate deans cannot serve).

On administrator search committees: according to department/college bylaws or according to department/college agreement.

### ***Can I “Skype” into the meeting?***

If the department/college has set up a process that fulfills all election requirements.

### ***Is proxy voting allowed?***

There is no proxy voting in Senate-conducted elections due to the requirements of the process.

### ***What if I cannot attend the election?***

At least one week prior to a Senate-conducted election, faculty are asked to provide the Office of the Faculty Senate with self-nominations should faculty members be unable to attend but willing to serve. The self-nomination must be sent to the Office of the Faculty Senate no later than one day prior to the election and cannot be accepted during the election from a second or third party. We must be sure that the faculty in question are willing to serve.

### ***What about online elections?***

Online elections must satisfy all the criteria for Senate-conducted elections.

### ***For more information on Senate-conducted elections see***

[The Faculty Senate Bylaws on Senate elections.](#)

[The Faculty Handbook module on administrator search committees.](#)