

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?

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.](#)