

University Senate
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CURRENT RULE FOR ELECTING A SENATE COUNCIL CHAIR

1.3.1.3 Officers of the Senate Council [US: 9/8/97]

The Senate Council shall elect its Chair in December preceding the academic year during which the Chair shall serve. All nine of the elected faculty representatives then serving on the Senate Council shall be eligible for election to the position. The incumbent Chair, if in his or her first year as Chair, shall also be eligible for reelection.

***PROPOSED* RULE FOR ELECTING A SENATE COUNCIL CHAIR**

1.3.1.3 Officers of the Senate Council [US: 9/8/97]

Given that the chair of the Senate Council is also chair of the University Senate, the Senate Council chair shall be elected by a majority of a voting quorum of elected faculty members of the University Senate. The election shall be held in the December preceding the first academic year during which the Chair shall serve. Members of the Senate may nominate current members of the Senate Council by notifying the chair of the Rules & Elections Committee at least one month in advance of the election date. The chair of the Rules & Elections Committee shall ascertain the nominees' willingness to serve. Candidates will be required to write a short description of their views of the role of Senate Council Chair. This information will be posted on the Senate web site at least two weeks prior to the election date. If the chair of the Rules & Elections Committee identifies only one candidate, then the election can be held at a regular meeting of the University Senate by a show of hands.

The term of the Senate Council chair shall be two years. The Senate Council chair is eligible to run for a second consecutive term. A Senate Council chair is not eligible to run for a third consecutive term. After a Senate Council chair steps down, he or she is not eligible to serve as Senate Council chair again for two years.