

Senate Council
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Nominees for Ombud Search Committee

(Snippet from *Senate Rules 6.2.2* on Ombud)

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6.2.2 Qualifications of the Academic Ombud

As established by the University Senate Rules, the Academic Ombud must be tenured members of the University Faculty or members of the emeriti faculty. [US: 4/9/90] Beyond this the qualifications should be those which will permit the Academic Ombud to perform the functions of the office with fairness, discretion and efficiency. It is important that the person be regarded by students as one who is genuinely interested in their welfare and sympathetic to their problems. It is equally important that the person be temperate in judgment, judicious in action, and persistent in seeking to achieve prompt and equitable solutions to the problems which are brought to him or her. Frequently the success of the Ombud depends upon his/her ability to utilize informal channels of communication and action; therefore, that person should be one able to develop and maintain cordial personal relations with a wide variety of students, faculty and members of the administrative staff. Above all, the person must be one of unquestionable integrity and resolute commitment to justice.

6.2.3 Selection Procedure

A. The Chair of the Senate Council, with the advice of the Senate Council members, shall appoint a Search Committee consisting of the following members: 1) two University Faculty members; 2) three students, two undergraduates and one a graduate or professional student, chosen by the Student Government Association; and 3) a member designated by the Provost who shall serve as Chair of the Search Committee. Committee members shall be broadly representative of the University community. [US: 4/10/00]

B. The Search Committee shall solicit nominations from students, faculty and administrators, and shall nominate no more than three to the Provost [US: 4/10/00]

C. Should the office of the Academic Ombud be vacated prior to the expiration of the normal term of office, a new appointment shall be made to fill the unexpired term using the same procedures as described above. [US: 4/10/00]

D. The Academic Ombud may be reappointed to a second term without reference to the above selection procedures if the affected Ombud, the Provost, and the Senate Council all concur. Reappointment to a third term shall go through the normal search process as outlined above. [US: 4/12/04]

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