

Senate Council
August 29, 2016

Vice Chair Election
Snippet of Pertinent Senate Rules

Senate Rules 1.2.4.3 (“Secretary”)

1.2.4.3 Secretary

The Secretary shall be the Vice Chair of the Senate Council, as provided in SR 1.3.1.3B (“Officers”). [US: 4/10/2000]

Senate Rules 1.2.2.1.D (“Elected Faculty Membership,” “Vacancy”)

...The Secretary of the Senate shall maintain attendance records and shall notify the dean of the college when an elected faculty representative of that college has been absent without explanation from three meetings of the Senate during any one academic year. [US: 3/12/79; US 10/8/2001]...

Senate Rules 1.2.5.2 (“Secretary”)

1.2.5.2 Secretary

- A.** Make the minutes available to members and the UK community; a copy of the audio recordings of the meetings shall be available to any interested member. [US: 10/12/98; SREC codification: 10/23/2000]
- B.** Maintain an official roll of Senate members;
- C.** Maintain attendance records of Senate meetings and to notify deans of colleges when an elected representative who has been absent without explanation from three meetings of the Senate during any one academic year must be replaced;
- D.** Be responsible for providing notice and agenda of special meetings of the University Senate. (GR IV.B)
- E.** Preside over meetings of the University Senate in the absence of the Senate Council Chair and the President of the University. [US: 4/14/2003]

Senate Rules 1.3.1.3.B (“Officers of the Senate Council,” “Senate Council Vice Chair”)

B. Senate Council Vice Chair

The Senate Council shall also elect a Vice-Chair at a December meeting from among the six faculty representatives elected to the Senate Council whose terms do not expire at the end of that month. The Vice Chair shall take office the following June 1st and serve through May 31st of the next year. The Vice-Chair:

1. Will preside at any meeting of the Senate or the Senate Council at which the respective Chair so delegates or at which the Chair is not present, and may be delegated by the Presiding Officer to introduce the Senate Council motions and resolutions at Senate meetings. To facilitate the Vice Chair’s readiness to assume these responsibilities, the Senate Council Chair will keep the Vice Chair generally apprised of important events that relate to Senate/Senate Council function.
2. Shall become chair of the Senate Council for the remainder of the chair's term if for any reason the chair is no longer able to serve in that capacity.
3. The Vice Chair shall also serve as Secretary of the Senate. [US: 4/10/2000]

Senate Rules 1.3.1.3.C (“Conditions of Senate Council Officership”)

C. Conditions of Senate Council Officership

1. An incumbent Vice Chair whose term as a elected member of the Senate Council expires on December 31st shall continue in office and serve as a non-voting member of the Senate Council until the following May 31st. However, if at a meeting of the Senate or Senate Council the Vice Chair is acting as Presiding Officer in place of a nonattending Chair, then at that meeting the Vice Chair possesses the same voting status as the Chair. An incumbent Vice Chair whose elected term on the Senate Council expires on December 31st shall be eligible to be named Chair-elect at the meeting that December to choose the next Chair.
 2. If for any reason the office of the Vice Chair should become vacant, the Senate Council shall act as soon as possible to elect a replacement. [US: 10/12/81; US: 9/8/97]
 3. Officers of the Senate Council will remain members of the Senate Council for the duration of their terms of office even if their terms as Senators may have expired. In this eventuality, they will not be counted as part of their educational units in the election of representatives to the Senate or to the Senate Council, thereby expanding the normal size of both those bodies. [US: 10/12/81; US 9/8/97; GR IV.B]
- * Under this rule, because the Senate Council Chair-elect is an officer of the Senate Council (SR 1.3.1.3.C), if the individual’s regular three-year term on the Senate Council has ended on December 31, the Senate Council Chair-elect shall be a nonvoting member of the Senate Council for the portion of their term of office as Senate Council Chair-elect that runs from January 1 – May 31. [SREC: 12/17/2013]