

College of Arts & Sciences

Election of Professional-Track Faculty Senators

1. The General Faculty Constitution was amended in 2013 to include “all full-time lecturers, full-time clinical faculty, full-time academic professional faculty, [and] full-time research faculty” (Article I.1.2)
2. Departments eligible to elect a Faculty Senate representative according to the College’s assignment of seats may elect either a tenured/tenure-track faculty member or a full-time professional-track faculty member, using their own internal procedure.
3. The General Faculty Constitution, Article II.1.2, provides that, in order to be eligible as candidates for the Faculty Senate, voting members of the General Faculty must “hold no administrative position higher than department head or chair” and may be elected only “during their second or later year of employment,” so that they would begin their terms in the Senate in the fall of their third year. This restriction applies to both professional-track and tenured/tenure-track faculty.
4. When all vacant College Senate seats have been filled, the College Executive Committee (CEC) will ensure that the College’s Senate delegation comprises at least 50% tenured/tenure-track faculty, as required by the General Faculty Constitution, Article II.2.3.d.
5. If that requirement has not been met, the CEC will ask all elected professional-track College senators (those just elected as well as those already sitting) if any of them would be willing to step down and allow a tenured/tenure-track Senator to be chosen in his/her place.
6. If a volunteer (or as many as are needed to meet the 50% provision) comes forward, that Senator’s department holds a special election from among that department’s tenured/tenure-track faculty only, and the person so elected becomes Senator for the remainder of the volunteer’s term (a full term, if the person stepping down is newly elected). Departments are charged with designing and carrying out the special election of a new Senator in their department.
7. If an insufficient number of volunteers come forward, the CEC will undertake a random selection from among the newly elected professional-track Senators. The random selection process will be designed by the CEC at its discretion.
8. All necessary deadlines for the process described above will be set by the CEC.