

Faculty Senate and University Council

Candidates

Frequently Asked Election Questions



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What are Faculty Senate and University Council?

The Faculty Senate is a deliberative, representative, and legislative body for Michigan State University faculty. As such, the Faculty Senate is the major, regularly meeting body in which curricular issues, faculty tenure and promotion issues, and faculty salary and benefits issues are presented. The Faculty Senate's role is to communicate its position to the administration on these issues.

The University Council brings together faculty, student, and administration representatives to discuss issues that involve the entire University. While the Faculty Senate may seek input from the University Council on proposals regarding curricular issues, faculty tenure and promotion issues, and faculty salary and benefits issues, the primary focus of discussion in the University Council is on other issues that are not the core responsibility of the Faculty Senate. Its membership includes all Faculty Senators, all Deans, all University-Level Standing Committee Chairpersons, all Associate Provosts, and several key administrators, among others.

How often do Faculty Senate and University Council meet?

Faculty Senate holds one regular meeting per month during the academic year. These meetings are generally on the third Tuesday of the month from 3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please note that special meetings sometimes occur, including over the summer, and they have been increasingly common during the last two years.

University Council holds one regular meeting per month during the academic year. These meetings are generally on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

If I'm elected to Faculty Senate, am I also a member of University Council?

Yes! If elected, you are expected to attend both meetings every month.

Is there an attendance requirement?

Per Section 1.4.2. of the *Bylaws for Academic Governance*, members who miss two meetings in a semester or three meetings in a year will be removed. However, if you have to miss a meeting, you can send a designee "with the same eligibility and constituency" without having your attendance record affected.

What is the length of the term? When would it begin?

Terms for open seats will begin on August 16, 2021 and end on August 16, 2023.

Who is eligible to be elected to Faculty Senate/University Council?

The following types of people are eligible to be elected if they 1) hold faculty status in the college electing them and 2) are engaged in academic activities of the university:

- Tenure-stream faculty members, both with tenure and without
- Health professions faculty members
- FRIB/NSCL faculty members
- Full-time fixed-term faculty members who have served at least three consecutive years
- Full-time specialists who have served at least three consecutive years