



Frequently Asked Election Questions

What is the University Committee for the Library?

The University Committee for the Library provides for broad based participation by University faculty and students in the policy making of the Library. The committee serves in an advisory-consultative capacity on all policy matters pertaining to the Library. The committee also serves as one of the channels of communication between the Library, the faculty, and the students.

What are the time obligations like?

UCL meets once a month between September and April for one hour. Specific dates and times are chosen based on members' availability.

What is the length of the term?

Terms for candidates elected in the Spring Semester 2021 elections will begin on August 16, 2021 and end on August 16, 2023. Because this is an Advisory-Consultative Committee instead of a University-Level Standing Committee, the term is only two years instead of three. Note that a proposal to make UCL a Standing Committee is working its way through academic governance.

Who is eligible to vote in the election?

Per Section 1.1.2.1. of the Bylaws for Academic Governance, "The voting faculty in the election of University-level councils and committees shall be all regular faculty, health professions faculty, and FRIB/NSCL faculty. Voting faculty also includes full-time fixed-term faculty who have served at least three consecutive years and full-time academic specialists who have served at least three consecutive years. Voting faculty must be engaged in academic activities of the University." The term "regular faculty" means those appointed under the rules of tenure and holding the rank of professor, associate professor, or assistant professor, as well as all persons appointed as librarians. Furthermore, per Section 1.1.2.1.1., "Full-time shall be defined as a workload equal to or greater than a 0.9 full-time equivalent."

Who is eligible to be elected?

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:

1. Regular faculty members (1.1.2.4.)
2. Health professions faculty members (1.1.2.4.)
3. FRIB/NSCL faculty members (1.1.2.4.)
4. Full-time fixed-term faculty members who have served at least three consecutive years (1.1.2.5.)
5. Full-time specialists who have served at least three consecutive years (1.1.2.5.)
6. Full-time specialists who have served fewer than three consecutive years, if provided for in the college bylaws

Why is every other committee called the "University Committee *on* X" while this is the University Committee *for* the Library?

That's a very good question.