



Frequently Asked Election Questions

What is the University Committee on Undergraduate Education?

The University Committee on Undergraduate Education exercises the faculty's delegated authority on grading policy for undergraduate students and the use of grades and grade point averages for undergraduate admissions and for advancement in or graduation from undergraduate academic programs. UCUE reviews all changes in undergraduate academic programs proposed by academic units and recommends their approval or rejection to the University Committee on Curriculum.

UCUE has shared responsibility with the Dean of Undergraduate Studies to consult with the Provost on the establishment, moratorium, discontinuance, or merger of undergraduate academic programs; on policies pertaining to curriculum revision, methods of instruction, evaluation of instruction, and advising and counseling for undergraduate students and programs and on other policies pertaining to undergraduate education. UCUE also has shared responsibility with the Dean of Undergraduate Studies to consult with the Provost on policy pertaining to admissions and retention, financial aid, and the use and distribution of educational and research resources for undergraduate students and programs.

UCUE also advises and consults with the Dean of Undergraduate Studies and the Provost and makes recommendations to the University Council on all other matters of academic policy affecting undergraduate students.

What are the time obligations like?

UCUE meets bi-weekly on Thursdays from 10:15 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Meetings begin the first full week of classes and stop prior to exam week.

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, 2024.

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