

Members-At-Large in MSU Academic Governance System

At Michigan State University there are five Members-At-Large that represent the faculty of the entire university through the Academic Governance system. Most positions within Academic Governance serve a specific constituency (such as a college or another type of unit representative), but the Members-At-Large are elected by the entire faculty and are expected to represent the broader faculty needs, rather than just the faculty in one unit. The Members-At-Large are elected in the spring of each academic year for two-year terms of office, for a maximum of two terms. Members-At-Large terms are staggered, with two members elected one year and the other three members the next year. A Member-At-Large may not serve on any university standing committee at the same time she/he serves as a Member-At-Large. The Faculty Senate will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair from the Members At-Large. The Chair will serve as the Chair of the Steering Committee and Faculty Senate, with the Vice-Chair serving in the Chair's absence. The two-year terms of the Members At-Large and the one year terms of the Chair and Vice Chair will begin and conclude with the commencement of the fall semester (mid-August).

Duties:

The Members-At-Large serve as the liaison between the following groups:

- Faculty to Faculty groups
- Faculty and Administration
- Faculty and the Board of Trustees
- University Faculty and outside groups such as the Coalition on Intercollegiate Athletics (COIA) and the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC)

The Members-At-Large will identify faculty issues of concern and help the committee or other processes to address these issues.

The Members-At-Large are expected to attend all of the following meetings:

- The Steering Committee (1 time per month during the academic year)
- Faculty Senate (1 time per month during the academic year)
- University Council (1 time per month during the academic year)
- Board of Trustees meetings (usually 8 times per year)
- Other meetings as requested with members of the university community (such as administration, college faculty, Office for Academic Governance) (usually 1-2 times per month during the academic year)

Note that the Steering Committee, Faculty Senate, and University Council meet Tuesday afternoons, 3:15-5:00