

Role of the Faculty Senate Chair and Procedure for Nomination/Election

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Nomination and Election of Faculty Senate Chair for 2021-2022

References:

- **Faculty Bylaws: Article V, Sections D-E** (Senate officers, election cycle and term length);
- **Overview of Governance** (Orientation 10/04/19), **Points of Information** (Faculty Senate website).

Timeline

- Chair-Elect to be elected by the Senate at the last meeting of Spring semester, but no later than June 15th.
- Chair-Elect begins tenure as Chair on August 15th.
- Transition occurs over the summer between outgoing Chair and incoming Chair.

Eligibility

- Eligibility: any full-time faculty voting member of the Senate of academic rank may be nominated (or may self-nominate) for position as Chair of Faculty Senate;
- Term of Faculty Senate Chair is one year; maximum service is four [consecutive] terms;
- Bylaws require Chair-Elect to relinquish other Faculty Senate and leadership positions;
- Chairs of Standing Committees are precluded from *concurrent service* as Faculty Senate Chair.

Role of Faculty Senate Chair

- Represents the Faculty internally and externally, including to the University Faculty Senate;
- Is referred to as Campus Governance Leader (**CGL**) by the University Senate and SUNY System
- Serves as Presiding Officer of the Faculty and presides over meetings of the Faculty, the Faculty Senate, and meetings of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee;
- Coordinates and serves *ex officio* on Standing Committees of the Faculty;
- Serves *ex officio* on various college-wide and ad hoc committees (which historically has included *ex officio* membership on administrative and joint task forces, and college-wide committees concerned with strategic planning, budget planning and capital planning);
- Serves *ex officio* on the Old Westbury College Council and the Old Westbury College Foundation Board of Trustees.

Process for Nomination & Election (Spring 2021)

- Nominations were solicited by email (May 3rd), prior to May 14th Senate agenda item;
- Nominations or self-nominations to be submitted to Dinorah Martinez, Secretary, Senate Office;
- Nominations will be solicited on the “floor of Senate” prior to closing nominations, at the last regularly scheduled meeting of the Faculty Senate (29th session of Faculty Senate, 2020-2021);
- Any nomination requires a Second, from a Faculty Senator, before being placed on the ballot;
- Motion to close nominations requires a Second. Move to unanimous consent if no objection;
- If multiple nominations, election will occur by secret ballot, voting members of the Senate; Virtual Senate meeting, through Zoom, has provision for voting by electronic ballot;
- If single nomination: Motion to approve by acclamation. Move to unanimous consent if no objection.