SOE Faculty Senate Nominations and Election Procedures

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Nominations

The Chair Elect of the Faculty Assembly communicates a call for nominations to all SOE Faculty once the Chair of the Faculty Assembly has been alerted to the need for an election (usually Spring). Self nominations are allowed. Nominations remain open for at least one week. The call should be placed in the SOE news and repeated using email.

The Chair Elect verifies that the nominated individuals are eligible. Eligibility rules can be found in Article II, Section I or the Constitution of the Faculty: http://facsen.uncg.edu/Content/Constitution%20of%20the%20Faculty.pdf

The Chair Elect contacts all nominated and eligible faculty to ensure their willingness to run. If they accept, their names are placed on the ballot. An election may run with only one candidate. A write-in option should always be included on the ballot.

Voting

The Chair Elect may choose the manner of collecting votes. However, electronic methods, such as online surveys (e.g., Qualtrics), that facilitate broad participation and anonymous responses are strongly encouraged.

All voting members of the general faculty are eligible to vote. See the University definition for general faculty in Article I, Section I or the Constitution of the Faculty: http://facsen.uncg.edu/Content/Constitution%20of%20the%20Faculty.pdf

Elections should remain open for at least one week.

Results

Any candidate receiving a plurality of the vote wins the election. In the rare case that more than one opening is being filled, the candidates are taken in order of their vote totals. The winner of the election is announced to the faculty within one week of close of voting. The candidates should be notified of results prior to the general announcement. Specific vote counts are not released as part of the announcement.

In the event of a tie, the result is announced and voting is reopened for a period of at least one week. The ballot is reopened as needed until a candidate receives a plurality.