

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES FACULTY ELECTIONS Spring 2017

University and College service are essential to ensure shared governance of the University of Tennessee. While tenured and tenure-track members of the faculty have a key duty to participate in these forms of service, there are important opportunities for non-tenure track faculty to have input into the governance at the university and college levels.

Below is a listing of university-wide and college service opportunities for faculty in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Faculty Senate (2017-2020)

Faculty Senate serves as the primary representative body for all faculty at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville as well as the programs associated with the agricultural campus and UT Space Institute. Elections are conducted by the Faculty Senate Caucuses, of which there are three in the College of Arts and Sciences. Faculty members eligible to serve (1) hold full-time or continuing part-time appointment with the rank, or equivalent rank, of lecturer, clinical instructor, assistant professor or higher; and (2) the performance of academic duties totaling at least half-time teaching, research, service, or departmental administration. Senators who have completed a three-year term are eligible to run for one additional three-year term. The Faculty Senate meets seven times a year (Mondays from 3:30-5:00pm), and members are expected to serve on at least one Senate committee.

To help encourage faculty to pursue service on the Faculty Senate, the College requests that **faculty self-nominate through the process outlined below. To assist the voting process, faculty should include a short candidate statement of interest or qualification for the position that they are seeking. Faculty wishing to serve on the Faculty Senate are asked to contact the caucus chairs listed below with a 150-word candidate statement by February 15, 2017.**

Arts and Humanities Caucus: **9 open seats**, Contact Laurie Knox, lknox1@utk.edu

Social Sciences Caucus: **2 open seats**, Contact Harry Dahms, hdahms@utk.edu

Natural Sciences Caucus, **9 open seats**, Contact Crystal McAlpin, cbickley@utk.edu

COLLEGE FACILITATED ELECTIONS: The University and College committees listed below have elections conducted by the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Advisory Council. **Those interested in serving should gather a petition of support (using the nomination form found on the College's website) with at least 5 signatures from tenured or tenure-track faculty. Interested parties should also provide a short candidate statement of interest or qualifications of no more than 150 words. The purpose of the statement is to provide faculty unfamiliar with the candidate some information on which to base their votes. Please email nominations directly to Michael Gilchrist (mikeg@utk.edu) by February 15, 2017.**

Graduate Council

The Graduate Council establishes standards for admission, retention, and graduation; assesses curricular revisions and new proposals for graduate programs; evaluates interdisciplinary, intercollegiate and international programs; approves individuals to direct doctoral dissertations; and considers new initiatives and other matters of policy pertaining to graduate programs. Graduate Council is a special committee of the Faculty Senate that works closely with the Graduate School and a variety of other campus bodies to fulfill its mission. Eligible faculty must regularly teach graduate courses or supervise graduate study and must (1) hold full-time or continuing part-time appointment with the rank of

assistant professor or higher, and (2) perform academic duties consisting of at least half-time teaching, research, service or departmental administration. Members serve a three-year term and meetings typically take place Thursday afternoons.

Open Seats: 6 nominees to fill 3 seats from any discipline (2017-2020)

Undergraduate Council

The Undergraduate Council is charged by the Faculty Senate to set standards for admission, retention, and graduation; review curricular matters in the undergraduate programs; development of interdisciplinary programs; approve new programs and any other matters of educational policy pertaining to undergraduate programs. Representatives are apportioned among the Divisions of Social Sciences, Humanities, and Natural Sciences. Members must (1) hold full-time or continuing part-time appointment with the rank of assistant professor or higher, and (2) perform academic duties consisting of at least half-time teaching, research, service or departmental administration.

Open Seats: 6 nominees to fill 3 seats from any discipline (2017-2020)

College Teaching Council

The Council works with an Associate Dean designated by the Dean to provide leadership related to the College's instructional mission, including course evaluations, peer review of teaching, and development/maintenance of program assessment. It is responsible for advising the College on College-wide policies and best-practice documents regarding undergraduate and graduate instruction and providing a forum where teaching issues raised by the College's departments can be addressed. Members must be tenured or tenure-track faculty.

**Open Seats: 8 nominees for 4 positions
(Each nominee must submit a statement of teaching philosophy.)**
1 Social Sciences representative (2017-2020)
1 Fine Arts representative (2017-2020)
1 Natural Sciences representative (2017-2020)
1 Humanities representative (2017-2020)

College Promotion and Tenure

The College Promotion and Tenure Committee reviews and evaluates all promotion and/or tenure recommendations submitted by the departments in the College, and presents its findings to the Dean. Membership consists of ten full professors elected by the College tenured and tenure-track faculty for staggered three-year terms. In addition to year-long service, members **MUST** be available for several day-long meetings Dec. 11-22, 2017 and Jan. 4-12, 2018.

Open Seats: 6 nominees for 3 positions
1 Humanities representative (2017-2020)
1 Fine Arts representative (2017-2020)
1 Natural Sciences representative (2017-2020)

College Curriculum Committee

The Curriculum Committee is a policy-making body charged with providing leadership and recommendations in curricular development. It reviews all curricular proposals approved by the Divisional Committees before they are presented to the Graduate Council and/or the Undergraduate Council. The Committee consists of ten tenured and/or tenure-track faculty members.

Open Seats: No open seats

Connections/Global Challenges Committee

The Connections/Global Challenges Committee evaluates proposals to create new Connections Packages, proposals to modify existing Connections Packages, proposals to remove existing Connections Packages from the College curriculum, and proposals to add courses to, or remove courses from, the Global Challenges list. This committee consists of seven faculty members. It includes two tenure-track or tenured faculty members elected from Arts & Humanities, Natural Sciences, and Social Sciences. It also includes one at-large faculty member, who may be a tenured or tenure-track faculty member or a non-tenure-track faculty member with the rank of Senior Lecturer or higher. Members are elected for staggered two-year terms. Members may not be on the College Curriculum Committee. The committee meets at least once each semester.

Open Seats: 8 nominees for 4 positions

1 Arts & Humanities representative (2017-2019)

1 Natural Sciences representative (2017-2019)

1 Social Sciences representative (2017-2019)

1 At-Large representative (2017-2019)