

Faculty Governance Provides an Important Voice for the Faculty in the Affairs of the University

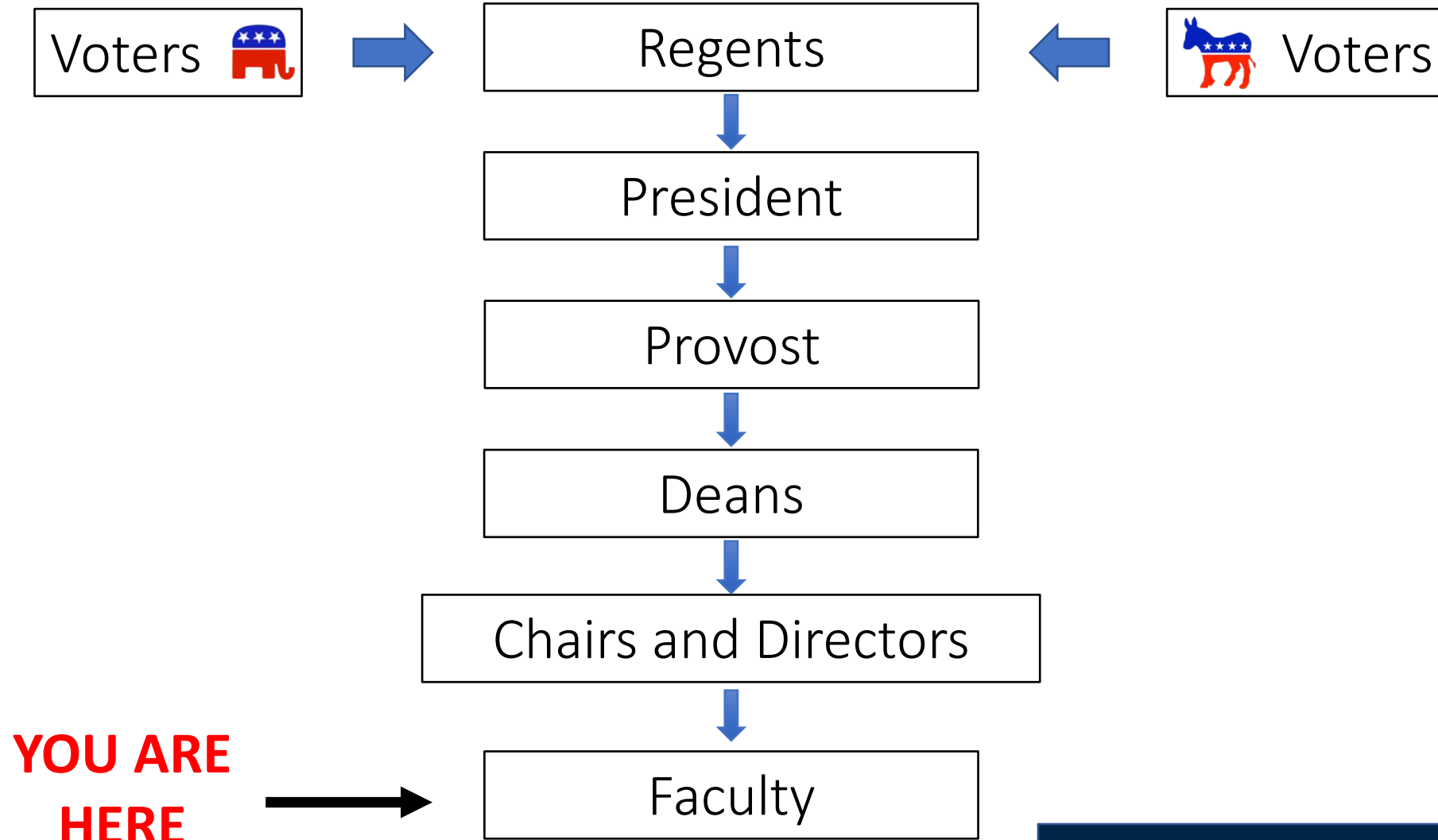


Faculty Governance at The University of Michigan



FACULTY SENATE
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

University Administration



Faculty Senate is Based on Elected Representation

Senate Chair



Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs
(SACUA, 9 members)



**YOU ARE
HERE**



Senate Assembly (74 members)



University Senate: Faculty, Librarians, Research Profs
(~3000 members)

Where do our guiding rules come from?

1. **Regents' Bylaws** – outlining the broad principles
 - Change requires Regental approval
2. **Standard Practice Guide (SPGs)** - more detailed, operational guidelines
3. **College and Department rules and policies**

Lower level rules and policies must be consistent and not conflict with Regents' Bylaws

Advisory Role of Faculty Governance

- SACUA appoints University Committees to oversee and advise on a wide range of issues that affect the interests of the Faculty
- Committees provide and an important mechanism to bring Faculty concerns to the upper University administration
- The President and each Vice President has an advisory committee
 - There are a lot of VPs

Committee	Advises
Senate Advisory Committee on University Affairs (SACUA)	President
Academic Affairs Advisory Committee (AAAC)	Provost and Exec VP Academic Affairs
Communications Advisory Committee (CAC)	VP Communications
Development Advisory Committee (DAC)	VP Development
Financial Affairs Advisory Committee (FAAC)	Exec. VP and CFO
General Counsel's Advisory Committee (GCAC)	VP and General Counsel
Government Relations Advisory Committee (GRAC)	VP for Government Relations
Information Technology Committee (ITC)	VP Information Technology and CIO
Medical Affairs Advisory Committee (MAAC)	Exec VP Medical Affairs
Research Policies Committee (RPC)	VP Research
Secretary of the University Advisory Committee (SAC)	Secretary of the University
Student Relations Advisory Committee (SRAC)	VP Student Life

Additional Committees Reporting to SA

Committee
Administrative Evaluation Committee (AEC)
Building Facilities and Infrastructure Committee (BFIC)
Civil Liberties and Civil Rights Committee (CLCR)
Committee on the Economic Status of the Faculty (CESF)
Committee for an Inclusive University (CIU)
Rules Practices and Policies Committee (RPP)
Tenure Promotion and Professional Development Committee (TPP)

What do committees do?

Normal committee stuff:

- Committee charges are posted on the SA website (and must be approved by SA)
- Regular meetings during the academic year
 - A minimum of twice a semester; some meet every month
- Circulate agendas in advance
- Keep minutes → send to Robyn
- Draft a year-end report → send to Robyn

How can committees influence decision making?

- Communicate with your constituents to make sure that issues are brought before your committee
- Communicate issues and ideas to SACUA and/or SA to spread the word among faculty
 - What happens to the reports?
- Keep and submit minutes and year-end reports so that the next committee knows where to pick up

Additional SACUA Responsibilities

- Oversight of University Ombuds
- Oversight of Faculty Grievances
- Planning and hosting the Academic Freedom Lecture
 - Nov 28, 4:00. Dr. Gene Nichol, UNC Chapel Hill
- Monitoring changes to the Standard Practice Guide affecting faculty rights and responsibilities

Faculty Senate Office serves as our institutional memory

- Tom Schneider, Director of the Faculty Senate Office
- Robyn Snyder, Faculty Governance Coordinator

What is the role of Senate Assembly?

- We are an important link in the chain of governance
- Section 4 of Regents' Bylaws say SA should represent the interests and concerns of faculty throughout the UM system
- Please let your colleagues know that you are their SA member and encourage them to share faculty concerns
- Be an ambassador for the importance of faculty governance
- When issues come to you, pass along to relevant groups

What will we do in Senate Assembly meetings?

- Normal meeting stuff:
 - Reporting and information sharing
 - Visits from representatives of university units
 - Regents' Candidate Forum, Oct 15, Great Lakes Room
- New this year – we will be meeting in the League, with interaction
- Who would you like to invite to SA meetings? Do you have ideas for topics you'd like to discuss here?

SA Etiquette

- Plan to attend all SA meetings
 - Agendas will be sent out the week before
- If you cannot attend, arrange for an alternate to come in your place
 - Let Robyn know you cannot come, and who will be coming in your place

Thanks for serving on
Senate Assembly



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