

SACUA Vacancy Election Process (2023)

Background

After providing exemplary leadership serving the Faculty Senate, one of our SACUA members (Lindsay Admon, Medical School) will be on maternity leave for fourteen weeks, starting in early October. The Faculty Senate has benefited greatly from the generous service she has provided on SACUA, and we will be looking forward to her return. In the meantime, SACUA would benefit from a temporary vacancy replacement.

SACUA members must be voting members of the Senate. In past practice, the Senate Assembly has elected Senate Assembly members to serve as SACUA vacancy replacements. The [University Senate Rules](#) indicate that “a temporary or permanent vacancy shall be filled by **any method approved by the Assembly**” (III.1). The Rules for the composition of SACUA state the following: “No more than three members of SACUA shall be from the College of Literature, Science and the Arts, two from the College of Engineering, two from the School of Medicine, and one from any other school or college” (III.1). Given the current make-up of SACUA (see SACUA Representatives [here](#)), this means **the vacancy cannot be filled by faculty from LSA, Public Health, Stamps School of Art and Design, UM-Flint, or UM-Dearborn.**

Vacancy Process

SACUA proposes the following process for the Senate Assembly’s approval:

- The Faculty Senate Office will receive nominations (including self-nominations) of **current Senate Assembly members** by email at facultySenateoffice@umich.edu, starting on Tuesday, September 12th, and ending on Monday, October 2nd, at noon. The nominations will be to complete a SACUA term beginning **October 9th** and ending on **January 22nd, 2024.**
- On a rolling basis as nominations are being received, the Faculty Senate Office will confirm each nominee’s eligibility per eligibility requirements in the University Senate Rules and will contact nominees to confirm their interest in running. Nominees will be asked to provide a written statement indicating their interest to serve on SACUA by Wednesday, October 3rd at 8am.
- The Faculty Senate Office will distribute an electronic ballot via SimplyVoting on Wednesday, October 3rd at noon to the Senate Assembly. Senate Assembly Representatives will have the opportunity to vote for one candidate with a deadline of noon on Friday, October 6th.
- The highest vote-getter will be announced by the Senate Secretary after the vote ends on October 6th.

Approved by SACUA: August 28, 2023

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