

## Nominating Committee Report to the University Senate

October 7, 2024

### Upcoming Senate Elections: at-Large

The Professional Staff at-large and Faculty at-Large constituency election cycles typically takes place during the Fall semester, at which point the Nominating Committee puts together a nominating slate for voting members within each constituency to review before the voting ballot is finalized and put forth for a vote. Candidates may also be nominated by petition. The petition must be endorsed by five (5) members of the constituency in support of a candidate and submitted before the nominating slate has closed. All nominations may be sent to [UniversitySenate@uconn.edu](mailto:UniversitySenate@uconn.edu)

Following University Bylaws (below) an analysis of faculty constituencies by number of eligible Senators has taken place, and the total number of representatives within several faculty constituencies has shifted to reflect the requirements laid out in the bylaws.

In the short term, this will mean that the Faculty at-Large election cycle for this upcoming year will be to fill two seats, as opposed to the nine being vacated on June 30, 2025. Seven seats will be distributed to other faculty constituencies in accordance with the calculation laid out in the university by-laws.

Constituency	Total # of eligible faculty <sup>1</sup> :	Current # of Senate Seats:	Calculation (by 30):	Proposed Changes (# Seats):
School of Business	98	3	3.2	3
CLAS	631	20	21.03	21
CAHNR	172	4	5.7	6
ENGR	196	5	6.5	6
LAW	42	1	1.4	1
Neag	68	3	2.26	2
Pharmacy	45	1	1.5	1
SFA	84	2	2.8	3
Social Work	34	1	1.1	1
Nursing	65	1	2.16	2
Waterbury	25	1	0.83	1
HTFD	48	1	1.6	2
STMFD	75	1	2.5	2
Avery Point	51	1	1.7	2
<b>Constituency Seats (total):</b>		<b>45</b>		<b>53</b>
<b>Faculty at-Large (total):</b>		<b>27</b>		<b>19</b>

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<sup>1</sup>“eligible faculty” is defined in the by-laws of the University of Connecticut as any full-time faculty member who has been at the university for at least one election cycle following their initial appointment to the faculty (Article IX, B. Elections)

The Senate Executive Committee will continue to examine University Bylaws related to the determination of faculty constituency numbers to ensure equity as faculty numbers change over time.

**University Bylaws Excerpts:**

“The number of senators to be elected from each constituency will be one for each thirty faculty members or major fraction thereof within that constituency, with the proviso that each school, college, or regional campus will have at least one senator...the determination of the proper number of senators to be allocated to each constituency will be reviewed annually by the Senate...the annual schedule for electing members from each constituency shall be determined by the Senate in such a way as to provide for the optimum staggering of three-year terms within each constituency and for a reasonable degree of uniformity in the total number of members to be elected each year from all constituencies. To achieve these objectives, when a constituency becomes eligible to elect an additional senator, the initial term may be limited to one or two years in order that succeeding three-year terms may begin in the most appropriate years.” (*By-Laws of the University of Connecticut, Article IX,, 2.B.2.a faculty constituency elections*)

“The number of faculty elected at-large will be the number remaining after the number of senators to be elected from constituencies is subtracted from seventy-two...No school/college shall have more than five faculty representatives elected at-large except the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, which may have no more than fifteen.” (*By-Laws of the University of Connecticut, Article IX,, 2.B.2.b, at-large elections*)

Full University By-Laws: [By-Laws-of-the-University-Rev.-06-26-2024-Board-of-Trustees.pdf \(uconn.edu\)](#)