

May 5, 2021

To: Department Chairs

From: Andrea Fascetti, Chair
Committee on Elections, Rules and Jurisdiction

Judy Van de Water, Secretary
Davis Division of the Academic Senate

Re: 2021-2023 Department Representative Call for Elections

The Representative Assembly is the body that enacts all legislative changes to the Davis Division Bylaws and Regulations. How well our system of shared governance works is directly related to the extent to which the faculty is well informed and actively involved. Your departmental representative is the primary source of information concerning matters of importance to the Academic Senate.

In accordance with Bylaw 34(B), departments (or voting constituencies, described below) are to **elect** a representative and one or more alternates to the Representative Assembly of the Davis Division. Each department must elect a departmental representative and alternates to serve on the Representative Assembly **beginning September 1, 2021 and ending August 31, 2023**. We strongly encourage departments or constituencies to elect representatives who are interested in representing your faculty and are committed to shared governance. It is essential that they make it a priority to attend the meetings that are generally held once each quarter, normally from 2:10 to 4:00pm. Formal business of the Assembly cannot be conducted without a quorum.

We strongly recommend that each department or constituency **elect two** alternates. In case your representative cannot attend, only the first or second alternate on record may represent the department or constituency; there are no votes by proxy. Should a department or constituency wish to send a representative other than the named representative or alternates, it would need to send to the Davis Division Office written notice of the identity of the person who was elected to serve as the alternate representative in advance of any meeting at which the person would serve as an alternate. Such notice may be given for a single meeting, or for the remainder of the term.

In case of a vacancy, a newly-elected representative or alternate will not be able to sign in at meetings unless the Secretary's records indicate that a department or constituency has elected that representative or alternate.

Instructions on reporting Representative Assembly election results to the Division:

1. Go to: <https://academicssenate.ucdavis.edu/representative-assembly>
2. Click "Representative Assembly Online Election Form"
3. Log in with your Kerberos ID and password
4. Select Service Year 2021-2023
5. Click the button entitled "View Form"
6. Select your representative and alternate(s) from the drop down lists and click "Enter Reps"

If your department has fewer than 13 Academic Senate members: In accordance with Bylaw 34(B), departments with fewer than 13 faculty eligible to vote need to join with another department or departments to form a voting constituency. Each voting constituency will **elect** a representative and one or more alternates to represent the constituency at each Representative Assembly of the Davis Division meeting.

1) To form a voluntary voting constituency, please complete and return the Voting Constituency Form located at <https://academicsenate.ucdavis.edu/representative-assembly> to the Academic Senate Office (attention to Theresa Costa, tacosta@ucdavis.edu). Departments unable to join a constituency by June 10, 2021 will be grouped into voting constituencies by the Committee on Elections, Rules and Jurisdiction, as required by Bylaw 34(B). A voting constituency may be composed of any number of departments, provided there are at least 13 voting Senate members in the constituency. Also, it is permissible for your department to join an existing voting constituency if it is mutually agreeable. In all cases, **the chairperson of each department** in the voting constituency must sign the Voting Constituency Form before the form can be accepted.

2) Each voting constituency must elect a constituency representative and alternates to serve on the Representative Assembly beginning September 1, 2021 and ending August 31, 2023.

3) After the Voting Constituency Form is submitted, Academic Senate staff will create the constituency and provide instructions on submitting the constituency representative and alternates to the department chairs via email.

Please complete the election process and enter your results into the system by 5:00pm on Friday, June 11, 2021.

If you have any questions concerning this procedure, please contact Theresa Costa at tacosta@ucdavis.edu or 530-752-3917.