

UHCL FACULTY SENATE FAQS

[Who is currently servicing on the Faculty Senate?](#)

Click here to view the current [Faculty Senate Roster](#).

[How are members elected to serve on the Faculty Senate?](#)

Article II – Senate Membership and Elections Section A - Membership, outlines the membership as follows:

- 1) The membership of the Faculty Senate shall consist of eight full-time Senate-eligible faculty members elected from each college, a president and president-elect elected from the faculty at large, and the immediate past president. Tenured or tenure-track senators elected from their respective colleges must have been members of the UHCL faculty for at least one full year prior to election. Non-tenure track faculty elected as senators must have at least three years continuous full-time service at UHCL prior to election. At least six of the eight senators from each college must be tenured or tenure-track faculty members.
- 2) Excluded from eligibility to serve in the Faculty Senate as an elected faculty representative, are the university president, provost, and all other vice presidents, associate vice presidents, deans, associate/assistant deans, or faculty who participate in faculty merit evaluations or the promotion and tenure process (excluding peer review committees).
- 3) The directors of the Faculty Development Center and the Neumann Library are non-voting Ex Officio members of Faculty Senate. They may participate fully in discussions in open Senate meetings.

[What does the Faculty Senate do?](#)

Article I Name and Purpose outlines the goals and function of the faculty senate. You can read more [here](#).

[As a member of the Faculty Senate, how many meetings can I miss?](#)

Article X explains that if a senator misses more than Article II Section 5 explains that if a senator misses more than three regular meetings including assigned senate committee and shared governance committee meetings, in any academic year, they will be removed from the senate. Upon removal of a senator for absences, the seat will be declared vacant and the appropriate school will elect an eligible faculty member to complete the term of office senate seat.

Where can I find the Faculty Senate meeting minutes?

Faculty Senate Meeting Minutes as well as Faculty Assembly Meeting Minutes can be found on the Faculty Senate portion of the [UHCL Website](#).

What should Senators do to prepare for the Faculty Senate meetings?

Senators should either bring their computers or print the entire agenda, including any attachments and review the documents to familiarize themselves with the content and issues before each meeting. Talking to other faculty members within a Senators' program, department, and college is a good way to learn about their views on key issues that are relevant across the colleges. Talking to committee chairs presenting reports prior to the meeting is also a good way to address any concerns about an item on the agenda.

What are the responsibilities of Faculty Senators to their College and to the University?

Faculty governance and shared governance can only be effective when the faculty as a whole is involved. Knowing your representatives on the various standing committees and on the Senate is the first step. As elected representatives you are expected to bring information from your academic programs, departments, and colleges to the attention of the committees and the Senate. At the same time, you are expected to bring information back to your program, department, and college, from the senate and your committee meetings, for sharing and discussions. The most effective way for sharing information is likely for you to take time during college/program meetings to update your colleagues. The more you engage with the remainder of the faculty the more we can ensure that everyone's voice is heard. Because the formal powers of the general faculty are delegated to the Faculty Senate, and Senators are the elected representatives of their college to this body, Senators are responsible for communicating with the faculty in their college about all actions, pending and completed, of the Faculty Senate. Best practices for Senator-college communication include reviewing the Faculty Senate agenda with actions, sharing announcements with the your program, department, and college faculty, and serving as a liaison between the college faculty and the Faculty Senate.