

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

FWDC 14 Revision to language on elections
(Revision to Faculty Handbook [Section 10.2.1.3](#))

Effective date: Fall 2015

Summary: Details of how faculty are listed on the ballot and how long they serve are listed in [10.2.1.3](#) in the Faculty Handbook. This document amends this section to specify how faculty who are not in clear program areas are listed on ballots, how long faculty serve in special cases and the end date of the election cycle.

- 1) We no longer have ranked librarians, so the specification can be stricken.
- 2) When members of elected committees step down before the end of their term, their replacement who fills that slot only serves the remainder of the term.
- 3) Elections should end by the first Friday after April 15 of each year. If April 15 is on a Friday, then the election should end by April 22.

Rationale:

While is it current practice that those who fill the seat of an elected member from the Senate finish that member's term, this document extends that practice explicitly to all elected committees.

In the last few elections, we have run into computer glitches and run off elections that has made it difficult to meet the required April 15 deadline, especially when that date occurs on a weekend or the middle of a week when an election could be in progress. To give a little more room for elections to finish, the date is moved to end the first Friday after April 15.

Current language

In order to prepare ballots, all eligible faculty members must be assigned to one of the three program areas – Humanities, Social Sciences, or Natural Sciences. Eligible faculty members that are considered part of University Programs and all ranked librarians shall be assigned to one of the three program areas by the Faculty Senate

Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall consult with the faculty members involved and assign them to an appropriate program area based on the most natural affinity of their discipline to the particular program area.

The names of faculty who have accepted the nomination by another faculty member for Faculty Senate or an elected faculty committee or who have self-nominated will have their interests noted on the ballot. Nominations and self-nominations must be submitted to a designated FWDC member no less than 5 days prior to the election date. ([SD6305S](#))

If a vacancy should occur on any elected committee, the vacancy shall be filled by the faculty member who was runner-up in the appropriate category in the last faculty election. Vacancies to Faculty Senate are governed by procedures defined in Section 3 of the Constitution of the Faculty Senate.

And from the addition from SD 0889D:

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Revised language

Additions in bold and deletions in strike.

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