

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE
FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

FWDC 8: **Clarification of Election Procedures**
Faculty Handbook [Section 10.2.1.3](#)

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Summary: This document clarifies language regarding the assignment of faculty to program areas for the purposes of voting in elections.

Rationale: This change clarifies that even though university programs have recently been distributed across the other three program areas, faculty who are appointed in these interdisciplinary programs may have primary affinity with a different program area. For purposes of faculty elections, we believe that this affinity should continue to be recognized as appropriate.

Revise [10.2.1.3](#) Election Procedures as follows:

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 with appointments in interdisciplinary programs (Africana Studies, Arts and Ideas, Humanities Program, Interdisciplinary Studies, International Studies, and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies)~~ 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 for the remainder of the term 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.