

Roles and Responsibilities of Elected Representative Faculty Senators

Every member of the Temple University faculty with full-time faculty status and every professional librarian with a full-time appointment in the University shall be a member of the Faculty Senate. This is also called the “University Faculty Senate” (UFS).

In addition, each school or college shall elect to the Representative Senate representatives in proportion to the number of Faculty Senators in that school, provided that no school shall have fewer than three representatives. The University Librarians shall elect two voting members to the Representative Senate. This is called the “Representative Faculty Senate” (RFS).

Meetings

Each semester, there are three Representative Faculty Senate (RFS) meetings and one University Faculty Senate meeting (UFS). Generally, RFS meetings are held:

September	January
October	February
November	March

And UFS meetings are held:

December	April
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The meetings are 90 minutes in length and are generally held at 1:45 p.m., in person and via Zoom link, on a different day of the week each month.

Expectations and Communications Representative Senators attend the monthly faculty senate meetings and are encouraged to report back to their collegial assembly any relevant information that comes up on the senate floor. They are also encouraged to present questions or offer information from their collegial assemblies directly to the Senate, or, through their college/school representative, to the Faculty Senate Steering Committee.

Eligibility and Procedures for Voting Elected Representative Senators will vote on any motions or resolutions presented on the floor.

A quorum of the Representative Senate shall consist of 25 eligible members. Special meetings of the Representative Faculty Senate may be called by a petition of 25 eligible members.

All faculty are invited to attend Representative Senate meetings but only representatives are allowed to vote on resolutions or motions if any are offered.

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