

Senate Elections Committee Year End Report

ACADEMIC YEAR (2025-26)

The Faculty Senate Elections Committee consists of three senators appointed by the Faculty Senate Steering Committee. The Elections Committee conducts the Senate and the University elections involving faculty, including Specialized Faculty. The current Elections Committee members are Kathryn Jones, Arts and Sciences; Emilie Miley, College of Education, Health and Human Sciences; and Sherry Pappas, Business.

The Elections Committee sent out an email on Feb 6, 2026, requesting nominations for Large-Unit Specialized Faculty Senators and an email on Feb 5, 2026, requesting nominations for At-Large Specialized Faculty Senators. The slate of nominees was confirmed via email on Feb. 25, 2026. The Large-Unit and At-Large Unit Specialized Faculty elections were held between March 13, 2026, and March 23, 2026, via Qualtrics poll.

The following Specialized Faculty members were elected as Senators for two-year terms:

Large Unit:

Raed Rizkallah (College of Medicine)

Alternates: Mark Chaet (College of Medicine), Wendy Doyle (College of Medicine), Tana Welch (College of Medicine)

At-Large:

Bridget Birmingham (University Libraries)

Ivana Polic (University Honors Program)

Rima Nathan, (Claude Pepper Elder Law Clinic)

Brian Arsenault (University Libraries)

Alternates: Marina Girju (Business), Justin Hultman (Career Center)

The Elections Committee on February 4, 2026, sent an email seeking nominations for the Faculty Senate Grievance Committee. The election window was open from March 13, 2026 to March 27, 2026. During the election, 224 eligible members cast a vote via a Qualtrics poll.

The following faculty members have been elected to the **Grievance Committee** and will serve a three-year term:

Sandra Pugh (Applied Studies)

Pam Keel (Arts and Sciences)

Charlie Martin (Arts and Sciences)

Jack Fiorito (Business)

Stephen Bailey (Business)
Kelly Farquharson (Communication and Information)
Christie Hand (Entrepreneurship)
Gentry Leonard (Hospitality)
Rima Nathan (Law)
Laura Lee (Motion Picture Arts)
Kim VanWeelden (Music)

During the first Senate session of the 2025-26 academic year (Wed., April 15, 2026), after confirming the quorum was present, the Elections Committee opened the Senate floor for nominations for the **Senate President**. Roxanne Hughes (College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences), was nominated and seconded by a voice vote. Since she was the only nominee, she was elected as the President of the Senate unanimously.

The Elections Committee then proceeded to elect the **Faculty Senate Steering Committee** members. Four members of the current Senate Steering Committee will continue to serve their term. The the Elections Committee had sought six nominations (twice the number of open seats) for the three open seats for the Steering Committee via Qualtrics email on April 15, 2026. During the Senate session, members voted via Qualtrics poll to elect four members. The following were elected to the Senate Steering Committee for a two-year term:

Nancy Rogers (Music)
Todd Adams (Arts and Sciences)
Massimo Marengo (Arts and Sciences) (elected on second ballot)

I would like to thank the Elections Committee members Emilie Miley and Sherry Pappas and especially the Faculty Senate Coordinator Veronica Lopez for their hard work.

Sincerely,

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