



# WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

## Faculty Senate

### NOMINATING PETITION FOR PRESIDENT OF THE FACULTY SENATE

TWO-YEAR TERM  
2026-28

The five undersigned members of the present Faculty Senate or two immediate past Senates nominate \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate for president of the Faculty Senate.

Signature	Printed Name
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____
4. _____	_____
5. _____	_____

This nominating petition is **due at 5 p.m. on January 23, 2026**, in the Faculty Senate Office.

#### **Bylaws**

##### Article III: Election of officers

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## Eligibility List for Faculty Senate President and Vice President

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Following is the list of persons are eligible to be nominated for the offices of Faculty Senate president and vice president and to sign nominating petitions for presidential and vice-presidential candidates, unless otherwise indicated.

**\*Osama Abudayyeh**

Elissa Allen  
Bryan Abendschein  
Eric Archer  
Pnina Ari-Gur  
Onur Arugaslan  
Todd Barkman  
Patrick Bennett  
Kimberly Buchholz  
Stephanie Burns  
Jou-Chen Chen  
William Davis

**\*Lisa DeChano-Cook**

Anthony DeFulio  
Bradford Dennis  
Mioara Diaconu  
Mine Dogan Diker  
Matthew Dumican  
Marcia Feters  
Kieran Fogarty  
Matthew Fries

**\*Peter Gustafson**

LuMarie Guth

Patrick Hanlin  
Wanda Hadley  
Janet Hahn  
Trey Harris  
Daniela Hernandez  
Antonio Isea  
Brian Jansen  
Dean Johnson  
Vyacheslav Karpov  
Richard Katrovas  
Jean Kimmel  
Doug Lepisto  
Hexu Liu  
Geoffrey Lindenberg  
Thayma Lutz  
Robert Makin  
James Martin  
**\*Michael Miller**  
Mustafa Mirzeler  
Joshua Naranjo  
**\*Amy Naugle**  
Alexandra Pekarovicova  
Troy Place

Sam Ramrattan  
William Rantz  
Amanda Remo  
Diane Riggs  
David Rudge  
Viviane Ruellot  
Thomas Scannell  
Daniela Schroeter  
Larry Simon  
C. Dennis Simpson  
Scott Slawinski  
Suzan Smith-Ayers  
Julia Stachofsky  
Wayne Stitt  
Sarah Summy  
Marianne Swierenga  
Laura Teichert  
Kathryn Thomsen  
Andre Venter  
Patricia Villalobos  
Bret Wagner  
Daren Webb  
Marcellis Zondag

**\*Not eligible for election but eligible to sign nominating petitions.**

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### Constitution

#### Article V: Officers and their election

**Sec. 3.** Eligibility for election as president or vice president shall be restricted to elected members who have served for at least one year in any preceding Senates.

**Sec. 5.** The term of office for any Senate officer, except the immediate past president, shall be two years or until his or her successor shall have been chosen and qualified. The term of office for the immediate past president shall be one year. The president and vice president are not eligible for a second sequential term to the same office. Except for the immediate past president, other Senate officers may be eligible for sequential terms to the same office, but no individual may serve as an officer of the Senate for more than six consecutive years. After serving six consecutive years, a Senate officer may not be elected to the same office again for an interval of at least one calendar year.

**Sec. 6.** The president and the vice president of the Senate shall be elected by vote of the faculty from a list of two candidates for each office nominated by the Senate, in accordance with the provisions of the bylaws. The directors shall be elected by the members of the Senate, in accordance with the provisions of the bylaws.

**Sec. 7.** The University president, provost, and appointed members of the Senate shall not be eligible as officers, but they shall have all other rights of elected members.

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**Sec. 2.** At the next general election after the February Senate meeting, the faculty shall elect from these nominees a president and vice president, who shall take office at the May meeting at which the newly elected Senate is convened and shall continue in office until the installation of their successors.