



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Faculty Senate

NOMINATING PETITION FOR VICE 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 vice 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

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.**

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.