

BENEFITS OF SERVING AS A SENATOR

"I believe that faculty involvement is necessary for shared governance. This is especially important for disciplines that are underrepresented at the College or University level."

– Roberto Mayoral Hernandez, 2012–2014 Senator for College of Arts & Sciences

"Advantages to being involved with the Faculty Senate are being more well-informed about what is happening on our campus, being more well-connected with colleagues across disciplines, and having more access to the administration in meetings."

– Senator for College of Arts & Sciences

"Being involved with Faculty Senate has helped bring positive changes to the greater UAB community, like our new policies on paid Family Leave and improved shared governance." – Alecia Gross, Chair of the Faculty 2015–2016

"I worked with faculty from all over campus who provided different perspectives. I enjoyed having input on Senate committees that were revising parts of the Faculty Handbook. Policies, such as the grievance and termination for cause, are critical to faculty; it was important to have input into these..." Rosa Scripa, FPCC Representative for Engineering 2007–2014

"I have been highly impressed by my colleagues and the Senate as a whole, in the commitment to those we represent, in the pursuit of civil and rational shared governance involving highly sensitive topics."

– Joe Sullivan, Senator for School of Medicine 2014–2016

SENATE COMMITTEES

Research - Matters pertaining to research and to the environment for research and dissemination of research knowledge. Co-manages the Faculty Development Grant program.

Faculty Development - Reviews matters and recommends policy pertaining to faculty development. Co-manages the Faculty Development Grant Program.

Finance - Budgetary matters relevant to faculty well-being and the environment for research, learning, and information dissemination.

Governance & Operations - Continuous review of the senate's organization and procedures and for recommending changes to the constitution or bylaws.

Faculty Policies and Procedures (FPCC) - Reviews proposed new or changes to existing policies or procedures. Manages the faculty handbook.

Curriculum Committee - Matters pertaining to the curriculum, to the environment for learning, and to the dissemination of knowledge.

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (UCC) - (Separately elected body) Reviews proposals on new or significant changes to undergraduate programs, academic policies and procedures.

Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC) - (Separately elected body) Reviews and makes recommendations on new or changes to graduate programs, academic policies and procedures.



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Faculty Senate

The Voice of UAB Faculty



MISSION OF THE UAB FACULTY SENATE

- A community of scholars who have come together to consider their responsibilities and needs; to represent them to the University administration; and to provide advice to the President and Provost
- Committed to the principles of shared governance and to inclusive & transparent decision making
- Facilitating open communication among all members of UAB
- Work collaboratively with administration to help UAB achieve excellence in all its activities

Faculty Senate

Join the Faculty Senators in balancing decisions that need to be made that affect all departments at the University!

Get involved, Be part of the solution!

- Work collaboratively to help UAB achieve excellence in teaching, research and community outreach
- Fulfill a university/unit service requirement

WHO IS THE UAB FACULTY SENATE?

- 72 Faculty senators and alternate senators elected by their peers representing more than 2,300 faculty
- 6 Standing Committees (see back)
- Representatives/Liaisons on over 30 UAB University-wide Committees, taskforces and university administrator search committees present the views of the Faculty Senate and notifies the Senate about items of interest or concern
- 1 Parliamentarian and 4 Officers

ROLES OF SENATORS

- Serve a 2 year term starting on September 1st
- Coordinate with his/her unit's Senators to attend monthly Senate meetings
- Participate in a Faculty Senate Standing Committee and a university-wide committee
- Communicate Senate matters to the faculty in his/her academic unit
- Solicit input from his/her constituents for use in Senate deliberations
- Represent his/her unit's faculty in Senate deliberations
- Inform the Senate of concerns or suggestions that affect faculty across units

"I have a better understanding of the realities of how things work on our campus. I know that we have a strong and active Faculty Senate that is able to offer positive solutions and ideas to campus issues."

– Denise Gainey, 2011-2013 Senator for College of Arts & Sciences

MEETINGS

- Faculty Senate Meetings held every second Tuesdays 7:30 - 9:30 am; open to all faculty
- Opportunity for faculty to raise any issue for discussion. Members of Administration attend to hear faculty input. Presentations are given regarding things coming down the pipe that affect faculty and the university with an opportunity for giving advice and feedback and having your unit's questions answered.
- Additional information, including dates, agendas, minutes, constitution and bylaws can be found at: www.uab.edu/faculty/senate
- The Faculty Senate also hosts university-wide faculty forums and gatherings.
- Faculty Senate Executive Committee meets with the President and Provost monthly to discuss issues affecting faculty.
- Senate Standing Committees meet as needed, usually monthly

"The Faculty Senate is now more impactful. It is invigorating to work with colleagues from across the campus in shaping the future of our institution and an honor and privilege to chair one of the Senate's standing committees."

– Mike Sloane, 2016-2017 Faculty Development Committee Chair

NOMINATIONS FOR 2017-2019 TERM DUE EARLY MARCH

- Questions and inquiries can be directed to Senate Secretary Ria Hearld, Senate Chair John Mayer, or the Senators of your academic unit (listed on the Faculty Senate website roster page.)
- Nominations taken for Senators of all schools and the Libraries and for Chair of the Faculty and for Secretary of the Faculty
- Nomination and voting process described and managed on the Faculty Senate SharePoint webpage <https://uabweb.ad.uab.edu/senate/Pages/FacultySenateVoting.aspx>
- Service on the Senate is applicable towards service requirements

"Joint governance entails providing advice to the university leadership. This task requires thoughtfulness and, at times, courage. It is a vital part of enhancing our university."

– Michael Froelich, 2013-2014 Senate Chair, 2016-2017 Chair of the Faculty Policies & Procedures Committee

2015 - 2016 SENATE OFFICERS

Position	Officer	School	Email
Chair	John Mayer	College of Arts & Sciences	jcmayer@uab.edu
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