

Subject: Call for Nominations - Senate Officers and IFC

The UMKC Faculty Senate conducts elections every two years for its officers and Intercampus Faculty Council (IFC) representatives. It is now time for that election. We are thus seeking nominations for the position of Senate Chairperson, Vice Chair, Secretary and two IFC Representatives. The people elected will serve from Fall 2002 until Fall of 2004.

The Chairperson is the presiding officer of the Faculty Senate and is responsible for setting the meetings of the Senate and the general faculty, including setting and distributing the agenda in consultation with the Senate. The Chairperson serves on the Intercampus Faculty Council during his/her term in office. In addition to these specific by-law-mandated functions, the Chairperson serves generally as the spokesperson for the faculty and as the primary faculty liaison to the administration. The Vice Chair presides in the absence of the Chair and acts as a liaison between the Senate and its committees. The Vice Chair is responsible for nominating members for committees and for maintaining records of Senate attendance. The Secretary records and distributes the minutes of general faculty meetings and Senate meetings. The IFC serves as a liaison committee between the President and his staff and the four campus faculties. It communicates to the President and his staff the views and concerns of the faculties. It performs those functions or duties which are deemed appropriate to an elected intercampus faculty body. It brings to the President and his staff representative views and opinions of members of the several campus faculties on such problems as the President wishes to bring to the IFC. The IFC meets monthly in Columbia. All officers and IFC reps serve on the Senate by virtue of office and on the Officers Committee of the Senate.

Eligibility to serve as a Senate officer or IFC representative is limited to “those regular faculty whose current appointments involve less than half time administrative responsibilities within the University.” The officers and IFC representatives need not be current members of the Senate.

Nominations should be sent to Ellen Suni, Chair, Administrative Issues Committee, Faculty Senate, and must arrive by March 22nd at 5 p.m. E-mail submissions are preferable (sunie@umkc.edu), but nominations may be sent by campus mail (Law 1-407). Self-nominations are accepted. If a faculty member is nominating someone other than him or herself, that nominator should determine from the nominee whether he or she is willing to serve prior to submitting the nomination and should indicate in the nomination whether he or she has done so.

The election will be held as soon as possible after the close of nominations.