

## ELECTION DAY PROCESSES

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### SENATE COUNCIL CHAIR

Two nominated persons affirmed by the deadline of noon 11/14/23 their willingness to serve as Senate Council Chair if elected. Those willing candidates are:

#### Candidates

Doug Michael  
Elizabeth Salt

The following Senate Council members are eligible to vote in the election of Senate Council Chair

#### Faculty Representatives

Sandra Bastin  
Molly Blasing  
DeShana Collett  
Olivia Davis  
Marilyn Duncan  
Robert Grossman  
Doug Michael  
Elizabeth Salt  
Kaveh Tagavi  
Akiko Takenaka

#### Student Representatives

Lizzy Hornung  
Jack Reynolds  
Kiersten White

These are the nine elected faculty, three elected students, and the Senate Council Chair who will not preside over this election activity.

Because there are two candidates for the position as Senate Council Chair, the following procedures will be used at the December 4 Senate Council meeting.

1. Charge. The Senate Council Chair will charge the SREC Chair or delegate (Election Official) to oversee the election of Senate Council Chair and Vice Chair in a fair and ordered way. For this purpose, the Senate Council Chair will transfer to the Election Official the status as presiding officer for the period of the election process at the meeting. No business other than exercise of the process below will be entertained by the Election Official. The Election official will recognize Gregg Rentfrow, the Senate Parliamentarian, who will address questions of parliamentary procedure.
2. Quorum. The Election Official will ascertain that a quorum of six elected members is attending (SR 1.3.1.2).
3. Candidate Statements. The Election Official will announce the names of the candidates. Each candidate, selected at random, will be offered up to two minutes to make a 'statement.'

4. Discussion. The Election Official will invite members of the Senate Council (in order of raising their hands) to make brief comments about and ask questions of the candidates. Candidates may respond briefly to questions.
5. Voting. Sheila will open a Poll Everywhere page with two vote-casting options: Doug Michael, and Elizabeth Salt. The Election Official will signal when the voting period ends. Any vote cast that does not match one of the prescribed options shall not count in any way in the vote tally. An eligible voter may abstain from voting by not casting a vote.
6. Determination. If any candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the Election Official will announce that person as the Senate Council Chair-Elect.

If there is a tie between the two candidates, the Election Official will invite brief discussion and entertain a motion and a second for a repeat vote with the same two candidates. If that motion is made, seconded, and approved, a single repeat vote occurs using Poll Everywhere.

If that motion is not made and approved, the Senate Rules (SR 1.3.1.3.1) say that “[i]f the Senate Council is not able to elect the Chair by as simple majority by the end of December, then the elected faculty senators shall elect the Chair by plurality from those nominated through the above process at the next regularly scheduled Senate meeting.” If this circumstance occurs at the Senate Council meeting, the ballot goes to the Senate.

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## SENATE COUNCIL VICE CHAIR

Upon the completion of the election for Senate Council Chair, the Election Official will oversee the election of Senate Council Vice Chair.

There are six Senate Council members who are eligible to be nominated and elected as Senate Council Vice Chair except that the Chair-Elect may not stand for election for Vice Chair:

### Eligible Members

Molly Blasing  
Olivia Davis  
Doug Michael  
Elizabeth Salt  
Kaveh Tagavi  
Akiko Takenaka

Nominations of candidates for the office of Senate Council Vice Chair will occur as provided below in step 1 (“Nominations”).

Senate Council members are eligible to vote in the election of Senate Council Vice Chair:

### Faculty Representatives

Sandra Bastin  
Molly Blasing  
DeShana Collett

Olivia Davis  
Marilyn Duncan  
Robert Grossman  
Doug Michael  
Elizabeth Salt  
Kaveh Tagavi  
Akiko Takenaka

Student Representatives

Lizzy Hornung  
Jack Reynolds  
Kiersten White

The Faculty Representatives and Student Representatives above and the two faculty trustee members may nominate eligible members for the election of Senate Council Vice Chair.

The following procedures will be used at the December 4 Senate Council meeting after the election of the Senate Council Chair:

1. Nominations. The Election Official will call for nominations.
2. Discussion. The Election Official will invite members of the Senate Council (in order of raising their hands) to make brief comments about the nominees (e.g., rationale for nomination). Nominees may respond briefly to questions.
3. Identify Candidates. After discussion ends, the Election Official will inquire do any nominees wish to withdraw (e.g., who are not willing to serve). Those who do not withdraw are deemed candidates in the remaining steps below.
4. Candidate Statements. The Election Official will invite candidates to make a statement about their candidacy.
5. Further Discussion. The Election Official will invite members of the Senate Council (in order of raising their hands) to make brief comments about and ask questions of the candidates. Candidates may respond briefly to questions.
6. Voting. Sheila will open a Poll Everywhere page and include the names of each candidate ~~plus an option to "Abstain"~~. The Election Official will signal when the voting period ends. [An eligible voter may abstain from voting by not casting a vote.](#)
7. Determination. If any candidate receives a majority of the votes, the Election Official will announce that person as the Senate Council Vice Chair-Elect.

If no candidate receives a majority of the votes, the Election Official will invite brief discussion. If at least one candidate agrees to withdraw from the election, voting will be repeated using Poll Everywhere with the reduced number of candidates. If any candidate receives a majority of the votes, the Election Official will announce that person as the winner.

The above voting process will continue using Poll Everywhere until either (A) a candidate receives a majority of the votes or (B) no candidate is willing withdraw.

Alternate Determination. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes and no further candidate is willing to withdraw, voting Senate Council members will use preferential (a.k.a. rank-choice) voting and paper/email balloting to identify the winner. For preferential voting, voting members will indicate on their individual ballot the names of all remaining candidates along with a numeral indicating the voter's ranked preference. Persons physically present must vote by paper ballot. Persons participating remotely must vote by sending their ballot from their UK email address to djones@uky.edu when prompted. Voters must assign a unique rank to all candidates. Any ballot that does not conform to these requirements will not be counted in any way in the tallying to calculate which candidate receives a majority of the first-rank votes.

If a candidate receives a majority of first-rank votes, that candidate will be the winner. If no candidate receives a majority of first-rank votes, the last place candidate is eliminated and the first-rank votes for that (last place) candidate are redesignated as first-rank votes for that ballot's second-rank candidate. This process of eliminating the last place candidate and redesignating that candidate's first-rank votes is repeated until there are just two candidates. If there is a tie for second place when redesignating the fourth-place candidate's first-rank votes, the second place will be determined by lot.

Once the two final candidates are determined by the preferential voting procedure above, the final ballot will be a non-ranked choice vote using Poll Everywhere between the top two candidates. If in the final ballot between the two final candidates there is a tie, the Election Official will determine the winner using a process that selects at random.