

**End of the Year Senate Report
Faculty Senate
Documents Committee
2024-2025**

CHARGE:

Our charge was to have all senators discuss with their faculty the existing wordage of how to elect a senator. After review, report back to the Senate via email about how your department conducts the election and if they are pleased with the way it is held.

In a joint meeting with the Governance Committee, it was decided we would discuss this in the Senate to see what our next step(s) would be.

After discussion in the Senate, it was decided that each department's faculty liked the way(s) in which elections/selections were conducted.

Therefore, the Documents Committee was tasked to re-write the Constitution to reflect the procedures used and submit it to the Membership Committee. The following was to be sent to all faculty members for a vote:

A constitutional amendment to the Faculty Senate Constitution has been proposed to revise Article IV, Section B. The proposed change is intended to simplify the process and provide departments with greater autonomy in selecting their faculty senators. The text of the proposed amendment is attached to this email. The original version of the article can be found in the Faculty Handbook, available here:

https://semo.edu/faculty-senate/_pdfs/faculty-handbook.pdf

This amendment has been approved by the Faculty Senate and now requires a vote by the full faculty. Ratification requires approval by two-thirds of the votes cast. Please cast your vote using the following digital ballot within 15 days of this email:

<https://forms.office.com/r/vpe38jw4gU>

Thank you for your attention and participation in this important matter.

GOALS MET:

The Documents Committee with the Governance Committee jointly accomplished the goal of re-writing the Faculty Senate Constitution to reflect what practices are currently in place and we submitted it to the Membership Committee. There it was approved, and it is in process to be voted on by the entire faculty via electronic vote. (See above for the ballot.)

**Respectfully submitted,
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