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Press Release

Spring 2026 General Faculty Runoff Election Results

The Committee on Elections has verified the election results April 6-8, 2026 and is pleased to announce the results of the 2026 General Faculty Runoff Election. There were 562 voters of the 3,886 eligible to vote, or 14.46% participation. Names are listed by vote count for the elected candidates and then for the unelected candidates. Please note that a majority vote constitutes 50% + 1 of the total votes cast for each seat.

CONSTITUTION CHANGE - Article II, Section 1 & Article II, Section 5; Change Definition of General Faculty to include career-track faculty with at least half-time appointments.

Description of Change: The change would eliminate the requirement that career-track faculty must be on either multi-year contracts or have appointments in three (3) of the past four (4) years to be considered to be considered general faculty. Under this revision, any career-track faculty member with at least a half-time appointment would be considered General Faculty.

The Faculty Senate approved this change unanimously in Fall 2025.

*Arguments in Favor (Pros): This change expands the definition of General Faculty to include all career-track faculty with at least half-time appointments, making governance more inclusive and representative. It ensures these faculty can fully participate in shared governance while simplifying and clarifying eligibility criteria.

*Arguments Against (Cons): This change increases the size of the General Faculty, which may make governance processes more complex and shift representation within Faculty Senate.

Black text is current Constitution text; blue text is added changes; red text is language that will be removed.

Article II (Members), Section 1.

For purposes of University government, the General Faculty of The University of Arizona is composed of:

- a. Employees who hold at least half-time tenured or tenure-eligible faculty appointments,
- b. Employees who hold at least half-time continuing or continuing-eligible appointments,
- ~~e.-c.~~ Employees who hold career-track faculty appointments with ~~multi-year contracts, d. Employees who have held~~ at least half-time ~~year-to-year career-track faculty appointments for three (3) of the past four (4) years and who currently hold~~ lecturer or ranked professorial titles, and
- ~~e.-d.~~ Individuals who hold Emeritus status.

This change also impacts the following text. Given that all career-track faculty with at least half-time appointments will be general faculty (from the above change), the text is amended below.

Article II (Members), Section 5

In matters of faculty governance, the elected and at-large representatives to Faculty Senate represent not only members of the General Faculty, but also those faculty who do not meet the criteria for membership in the General Faculty.

These include:

- a. Designated Campus Colleague (DCC) faculty,
- b. Employees ~~with career-track lecturer or ranked professorial titles who have not held at least half-time or more year-to-year appointments for three (3) of the last four (4) years, and~~

~~Employees~~ who have faculty appointments that do not qualify for membership in the General Faculty (e.g., ~~instructors, or~~ those with adjunct, global, visiting, or courtesy/secondary faculty appointments).

In Favor = 456 Opposed = 70 Abstain = 26
A total of 81% voted in favor and PASSES

CONSTITUTION CHANGE - Remove Article II, Section 2

Description of Change: This proposed change removes the section of the Faculty Constitution stating that individuals pursuing a degree at the University of Arizona are ineligible to be members of the General Faculty. The Faculty Senate approved this change unanimously in Fall 2025.

Article II, Section 2.

~~“No candidate for a degree at the University of Arizona shall be a member of the General Faculty.”~~

*Arguments in Favor (Pros): This change removes confusing and outdated language regarding whether faculty can pursue degrees while serving as members of the General Faculty. It allows faculty to utilize educational benefits without losing the ability to participate in shared governance.

*Arguments Against (Cons): This change may increase the potential for conflicts of

interest involving faculty who are simultaneously students. These situations would be managed by the University and chairs of any affected individual shared governance committee.

In favor = 464 Opposed = 53 Abstain = 34
A total of 82% voted in favor and PASSES

Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by the Faculty Senate or by petition to the Chair of the Faculty signed by five percent (5%) or one hundred (100) members of the General Faculty, whichever is smaller. The Chair of the Faculty shall send copies of such proposals to all members of the General Faculty and shall convene a special meeting of the General Faculty to consider them not fewer than ten (10) class days after distribution. The proposed amendment(s) shall then be submitted to an electronic ballot of the General Faculty. **A three-fourths majority of the votes cast is necessary for adoption.** Immediately upon adoption, the amendments shall be transmitted to the President of the University. Upon consideration and approval by the University President, the amendments shall become effective. The President's consideration shall be preceded by written analyses by University Counsel and by Board Counsel within 90 days following the General Faculty vote that the amendments are consistent with Arizona Board of Regents Policies. ¹

¹To comply with Arizona Board of Regents Policy 1-113

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COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND TENURE

*Rutherford, Julienne	263	*Elected
*Frye, Brenda	236	*Elected
*Laskowski, Cas	189	*Elected
*Fehmi, Jeffrey	187	*Elected
Czerkawski, Betül	186	
Domin, Christoper	168	
Witte, Russell	153	
Wang, Xinglong	145	

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPBAC)

*Colina, Sonia	251	*Elected
*Meyerson, Beth E	234	*Elected
Seat, Karen	213	
Rodrigo, Rochelle	183	

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

*Goetz, Nellie	288	*Elected	3-Year Term
*Daniels, DeAnna	267	*Elected	2-Year Term
Rishel, Cindy	244		

FACULTY SENATOR, COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES

COLLEGE OF NURSING

*Rishel, Cindy	37	*Elected
*Adler, Rachel	33	*Elected
Nseir, Stacey C	28	
Kosanke, Heidi Ruth	18	

ELLER COLLEGE OF MANAGEMENT

*Hills, Caitlin L	22	*Elected
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COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

*Hansen, Erica Marissa	58	*Elected
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One College of Science seat remains vacant

COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

*Azaz, Mahmoud Shaaban Abdelsalam	37	*Elected
Chadha, Monica	24	
Rogers, Jamey	20	

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE, LIFE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

*Diaz, Duarte	47	*Elected
*Linares-Gaffer, Ashlee L	46	*Elected
Hartman, Robert Scott	30	

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

*Guzman, Roberto Z.	18	*Elected
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COLLEGE OF INFORMATION SCIENCE

*Palacios, Cristian Roman	13	*Elected
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COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

*Schlacks, Sallianne	8	*Elected
Martin, Anthony G	6	

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

*Larry, Daricus	21	*Elected
Murrell, Angela Noel	16	

COMMON COLLEGE

There were no candidates. One seat remains vacant.

COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS 2025-26

Mr. Paul Bennett, College of Law

Dr. Nadia W-Charles, Africana Studies

Dr. Rayna Gonzales, Basic Medical Sciences