

William Paterson University Faculty Senate Councils
Year-End Report

Academic Year 2022-2023

1. Council: Elections

2. Council Members:

Name	Seat	Term
James Miles (co-chair)	Prof Staff	2019-2023
Linda Salvesen (co-chair)	Library	2020-2023
Shannon Holder	COE	2022-2024
Shan Feng	COB	2022-2024
Chris Herbert	COAHSS	2022-2024
Jaclyn Morrissette	COSH	2022-2024
Joan Miller	Adjunct	2022-2024

3. Council Charges and Summary of Activities:

Standing Charges:

1. Develop standardized procedures for all campus-wide elections.

The council continued to use Qualtrics for campus-wide elections with few errors.

2. Conduct campus-wide elections according to the election policy for: University Promotion Committee (UPC), University Faculty Range Adjustment Committee (UFRAC), Assigned Released Time (ART) Committee, Sabbatical Leave Committee, Professional Staff Promotion Committee (PSPC).

Senate committee campus-wide elections were successfully conducted in the fall of 2022, which included two rounds of nominations, withdrawals and submission of biographies, and the election beginning on October 26th, and concluding on November 2nd.

There were no nominees for either the Assigned Released Time (ART) Committee nor the Sabbatical Leave Committee.

3. Conduct Faculty Senate elections prior to April 30th.

The elections council conducted two elections during the 2022 – 2023 academic year.

General Faculty Senate elections were successfully conducted in the spring of 2022 via Qualtrics, which included two rounds of nominations, withdrawals, and submission of biographies, and the election beginning on April 19th and concluding on April 27th.

Since there were seven department seats without any nominees, the Senate made a motion to suspend the rules and allow for the one-time acceptance of the seven late nominations; the motion carried. Since this is not the first time that late nominees were accepted, the Elections Council feels that this needs to be addressed by the executive committee to prevent future issues; this may include updating the Senate By-Laws to formally allow or disallow the acceptance of late nominations.

Executive committee elections were successfully conducted via remote election on the virtual Senate floor during the final Senate Meeting for the 2022-2023 academic year. This election was conducted on Thursday, May 4th and resulted in the election of the new Executive Committee for the 2023-2024 academic year.

4. Conduction several closed ballot motions for the Senate

One special motion was conducted in the spring 2023 semester.

Priority Charges for AY 2022-2023: No specific charges were given to the election council.

- 5. Recommended Charges for the Next Academic Year:** The elections council will be reviewing updates to the election council handbook (e.g. updating election procedure directions to the change from using the campus-vote.com system to Qualtrics in the fall of 2017 for campus-wide elections), due to the last update of the handbook being April of 2017.
- 6. Please provide suggestions for how the council can be better utilized in the next year:**