

Memo

To: All Faculty

From: Stephen Salter, Faculty Senate President 2022-3

Date: Monday, October 24, 2022

Re: Nominations for Faculty Trustee

The Faculty Senate President and members of the steering committee of the Middle Tennessee State faculty Senate are seeking nominations for the university trustee representing the faculty (Faculty Trustee).

Responsibility The Board is responsible for the governance of the University, as allowed by and subject to limitations imposed by applicable federal and state law and certain powers and duties maintained by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. The bylaws of the Board of Trustees provide that a University faculty member shall serve as one (1) voting Board member to be selected by the University Faculty Senate. Further details of the Board's role can be found at <https://www.mtsu.edu/boardoftrustees/bylaws.php>.

The Faculty Trustee is part of the discussion and decision process of the trustees. While all trustees are responsible for the good of the University, the Faculty Trustee will be expected to be faculty centric in their approach and will be expected to make regular presentations at the MTSU Faculty Senate and receive feedback from same. The Faculty Trustee will attend Trustee board and committee meetings and fulfill fiduciary responsibility as required by the membership of the Board. Additionally, the Faculty Trustee shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Faculty Senate, Faculty Senate Steering Committee, President's Liaison Committee, and Academic Affairs Committee. The term of the Faculty Trustee on the Board will be two years, as established by state law.

Faculty Trustees get three credit hours of release time. The rules on release time are contained in the Provost's workload guidelines. Please advise your Department Chair of this.

Eligibility

To be eligible to serve as the Faculty Trustee, the faculty member must be a tenured and full-time faculty member who has worked at least seven (7) consecutive years at MTSU and who has performed less than 50% of their work in the area of administration during these seven (7) years. Candidates will have served at least one year on Faculty Senate.

Applications

Faculty who are eligible and wish to be considered will need to submit a resume and a letter saying why they want to be a Trustee, what issues they consider important, and how they can contribute. Nominations should be submitted to faculty senate@mtsu.edu by 11:59 pm on December 10, 2022. Persons who nominate a candidate other than themselves are responsible for encouraging said candidate to submit a full package. Packages not completed by December 10, 2022, will not be considered.