

Excerpt from [\*Bylaws of MTSU Faculty Senate, Revised and Ratified May 5, 2017\*](#)

### **ARTICLE XIII – FACULTY APPOINTMENT TO MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD**

The FOCUS ACT of 2015 allows an appointment to the State Board for Middle Tennessee State University to be selected from the faculty. This policy provides the details for that selection and is set forward in the Bylaws of the Faculty Senate.

**Section 1.** Description of Responsibilities: As provided for in the FOCUS ACT of 2015, there will be a local board faculty representative selected from the faculty of Middle Tennessee State University. The term of the faculty representative to the board will be two years, as established by state law. No faculty member on the local board may serve for more than one two-year term without a two-year break, with the exception as noted in Section 4. The selection of the faculty representative will be under the purview of the Faculty Senate of Middle Tennessee State University. The faculty representative will attend board meetings and fulfill fiduciary responsibility as required by membership on the Board. Additionally, the local board faculty representative 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.

**Section 2.** Eligibility: To be eligible to serve as the faculty representative on the local board, the faculty member must be a tenured, full-time faculty member who has worked at least 7 consecutive years at MTSU, and who has performed less than 50% of their work in the area of administration during these 7 years as determined by their workload. Faculty members who perform 50% or greater of their work in the area of administration, including members of the Chairs Council, shall not be eligible to serve as faculty representative on the local board. If eligibility of a person to be nominated is questioned, the Faculty Senate shall be the judge of the qualifications of that person. The decision of the Faculty Senate can be appealed in writing to the Faculty Senate President within two weeks of notice of ineligibility. In the case of an appeal, the Faculty Senate will appoint a committee with one representative per college, including University College and Walker Library to review the decision.

**Section 3.** Selection Process: In a year when a new board member is to be selected, the Faculty Senate President will request from the faculty nominations of faculty members to be considered for election to the local board. The Faculty Senate Steering Committee will review nominations for eligibility and present a ballot to the Faculty Senate for a vote. The local board faculty representative will be elected at the next Faculty Senate meeting by a majority vote of the Faculty Senate. A majority of the total Faculty Senate membership shall constitute a quorum for voting. The election will take place at the appropriate Faculty Senate meeting in order to allow the faculty senate representative to participate in the training and assumption of duties at the same time as other new Board members for that year. If the Faculty Senate Steering Committee judges that an insufficient number of nominations has been received, then the Faculty Senate Steering Committee may add a nomination to the ballot. In this case, the assent of the additional nominee must be obtained by the Faculty Senate Steering Committee before presenting the ballot to the Faculty Senate.

**Section 4.** Replacement of Faculty Board Member: If a faculty board member is unable to complete the term of his/her appointment, a replacement for the faculty board member will be secured in accordance with Sections 2 and 3 of this article. The new selection process will begin immediately upon notification of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee of the need. Once elected, the replacement will serve the remainder of the term of the board member being replaced; completing a partial term of a previous faculty representative does not prevent the replacing board member from being elected to an immediate subsequent full term.