

Faculty Staff Union Executive Committee Spring 2022 Election Announcement

The Faculty Staff Union (FSU) is a member-driven union that represents faculty and librarians at the University of Massachusetts Boston.

The FSU governing body is the elected FSU Executive Committee which includes: President, Vice President, Librarian representative, four (4) Non-Tenure Track Faculty representatives, two (2) Pre-Tenure Track Faculty representatives, and four (4) Tenured Faculty representatives. (To see current members go to: http://www.fsu.umb.edu/content/executive-committee.)

The positions of President and Vice President are elected at large. The remaining eleven positions (Librarian, Non-Tenure Track, Pre-Tenure Track, and Tenured) are elected by their constituents only (for example, only tenured faculty vote for the tenured faculty representatives). The term of office for each position is two years.

Each Spring semester, approximately half of the Executive Committee's positions are up for election. The below table identifies the positions and their election year.

Position	Number of positions	Spring 2022	Spring 2023
President	1	1	
Vice-President	1		1
Librarian	1	1	
Tenured Faculty	4	2	2
Pre-Tenure	2	1	1
Non-Tenure Track	4	2	2

The nomination period for the Spring 2022 Election begins January 28, 2022 and runs to February 11, 2022. Elected candidates will begin serving on the Executive Committee at the end of the Spring 2022 semester.

The adopted Spring 2022 Election Schedule is on the next page. In addition, the nomination form and detailed election procedures will be distributed at the beginning of the Spring 2022 semester.

FSU by-laws include the job description and responsibilities of the Executive Committee. Read the by-laws at: http://www.fsu.umb.edu/content/fsu-bylaws.

Eligible to Vote: FSU Policies state that "Only FSU members in good standing are eligible to participate in elections for the FSU Executive Committee. 'Good standing' for purposes of determining eligibility to vote in FSU Executive Committee elections requires the following: (1) that the person in question is in the FSU bargaining unit, (2) that the person in question is a member of the FSU, (3) that the person in question is not in arrears regarding dues payments, and (4) that #1, #2, and #3 have been verified at least 30 days prior to the start of any FSU Executive Committee election. In cases where there are disputes or uncertainty over a member's standing, final determination shall be made by the FSU Treasurer."

FSU Executive Committee Election Schedule for Spring 2022

Activity	Timeframe	Dates
FSU Executive Committee Inform those members whose term expires Spring 2022.		Wednesday, December 8, 2021
Election Announcement Email to membership with Election Overview document		December 10 to 14, 2021
Nomination Announcement ¹ • Email to membership with election schedule and general election information.		January 10 to 21, 2022
 Nomination Period The Nomination form is made available. Email sent to all members no later than 9AM January 28 	Two weeks	Open: Friday, January 28, 9AM Close: Friday, February 11, 5PM
Nominating Committee Review	One week	Begins: Monday, February 14 Concludes: No later than Thursday, February 17 at 4PM
Slate of Candidates Distributed • Email to membership announcing those running for office.		No later than February 17, 4PM
Campaigning	Two weeks	Begin: Upon announcement of candidates or no later than February 17, 4PM Conclusion: Friday, March 4, 9AM
Candidate Forum		Date: Wednesday, March 2 Time: 3PM
Voting	One week, includes a weekend	Opens: Friday, March 4, 9AM Closes: Friday, March 11, 9AM
Election Committee • Count the ballots	One day	Friday, March 11 between 9AM and 11AM
Election Results Announced		Friday, March 11, 11AM to 3PM

Note: Classes begin January 25, 2021. Martin Luther King Day is Monday, January 18. Presidents' Day (university holiday) is Monday, February 15. Spring Break begins Sunday, March 14.

¹ The FSU may also include the election information when the welcome to the semester email is sent to members.