

Georgia College & State University--University System of Georgia Faculty Council (USGFC)
Faculty Representative Election Procedures
Spring 2017
Adopted by ECUS at its 3 Feb 2017 meeting

The University System of Georgia Faculty Council (USGFC) is an advisory board for the Chancellor of the University System of Georgia. USGFC members represent all institutions within the USG. The Council meets two times per year.

Georgia College's current practice is for the Presiding Officer Elect to serve as the institution's voting representative on the USGFC for a one-year term of service. ECUS proposes a revision to this practice to add a second position with a two-year term of service and broadening the pool of those eligible to serve in this second position to all elected faculty senators.

Nominations, including self-nominations, shall be accepted only from elected faculty senators. Only elected faculty senators shall be eligible to vote.

Election Procedures:

The election will be coordinated by the Chair of the Subcommittee on Nominations.

1. Call for nominations: Send nominations to senate@gcsu.edu
 - Nominations open – March 1, 2017
 - Nominations close – March 15, 2017
2. Confirmation of nominations
 - Eligibility to serve on USGFC is confirmed by Subcommittee on Nominations (SCoN).
 - Nominated faculty must accept his or her nomination in order to be placed on the ballot.
3. Voting
 - Voting method: authenticated electronic vote – secret ballot
 - Voting opens – March 22, 2017
 - Voting ends – March 29, 2017
4. Results
 - The candidate receiving the most votes will be declared the USGFC Representative.
 - In the event of a tie, the winner will be selected through a blind draw.
 - Election Results will be announced to the University Community no later than April 5, 2017.

Replacement Procedures:

If the USGFC Representative needs to be replaced during his or her term of service, the candidate who received the second highest number of votes in the election will be contacted to determine his or her willingness to serve. If necessary, the candidate who received the third highest number of votes will be contacted. This process will continue until either a candidate in the prior election agrees to serve or all candidates in the prior election decline to serve. If none of the candidates from the prior election wishes to serve, a replacement election will be conducted.