

Department of Political Science

Voting Rights and Procedures as Currently Interpreted

Each tenured or tenure track faculty member holding a formal appointment in the Department of Political Science or jointly with another is entitled to one vote in ballots for the selection of officers or adoption of policies.

The elected officers include the chair, who is ultimately appointed by the Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences, and four members of the standing Personnel Committee. The chair makes all other committee assignments.

The Personnel Committee consists of five tenured faculty formally appointed in Political Science or jointly with another department, plus one untenured member of the regular faculty. Each spring two members are elected to serve two-year terms, so that four of the members serving on the Personnel Committee are elected in staggered terms. The chair appoints two others to perfect the committee and insure fair representation of subfields in political science. No person may serve more than two consecutive terms, although she or he may return to the committee after an interruption in service.

Balloting on tenure and promotion conforms to university policy. That is, all tenured faculty appointed in Political Science or jointly with another department, may vote on tenure for a candidate. All full professors appointed in Political Science or jointly with another department may vote on promotion to full rank.