

Brief History of the Faculty Senate and Past Chairs

The University Senate first met on Wednesday, May 18, 1938, with President Sieg presiding. The first meeting of the Senate Executive Committee was held on Friday, September 30, 1938, with President Sieg presiding.

Prior to 1947 the President of the University served also as Chair of the Senate. Subsequently the Senate Chair was elected from among the voting members of the faculty. The roster of chairpersons (one-year term) follows:

1947	Joseph Harrison	1969	Kenneth McCaffree	1991	Norman Rose
1948	Roscoe Wilcox	1970	Vernon Carstensen	1992	Míceál Vaughan
1949	Donald Mackenzie	1971	Ernest Henley	1993	Bonnie Worthington-Roberts (resigned 10/93)
1950	Herschel Roman	1972	Ruth Abernathy	1993	Ronald Dear
1951	Donald Cornu	1973	William Matchett	1994	Ronald Dear
1952	Alfred Harsch	1974	Edwin Hewitt	1995	John Junker
1953	William Hopkins	1975	Ellis Dill	1996	Joan Martin
1954	Carl Allendoerfer	1976	Joost Businger	1997	Mark McDermott
1955	Stanley Bennett	1977	Morton Kroll	1998	Ted Kaltsounis
1956	Edward Lingafelter	1978	Russell Alexander	1999	Gerry Philipson
1957	Solomon Katz	1979	Harold Amoss	2000	Mary Coney
1958	Ross Beaumont	1980	Borje Saxberg	2001	Bradley Holt
1959	Glenn Leggett	1981	Richard Andrews	2002	Sandra Silbersein
1960	Julian Barksdale	1982	James West	2003	Douglas Wadden
1961	Laurel Lewis	1983	Ronald Moore	2004	G. Ross Heath
1962	John Maki	1984	Tad Blalock	2005	Ashley F. Emery
1963	Carroll Reed	1985	Donna Gerstenberger	2006	Gail Stygall
1964	William Phillips	1986	Colin Brown	2007	Daniel L. Luchtel
1965	Barnet Baskerville	1987	Robert Aronson	2008	David Lovell
1966	David Fowler	1988	Arther Ferrill		
1967	Charles Evans	1989	Carol Eastman		
1968	Robert Aldrich	1990	Keith Benson		

Brief History of the Secretary of the Faculty

Since that time, the Secretary of the Faculty has served also as Secretary of the Senate. Until 1962, this post was filled by the Registrar; subsequently, by a tenured member of the faculty. The Secretary of the Faculty was then appointed by the University President from a list of not less than three nominees submitted by the elected members of the Executive Committee. The position served at the pleasure of the President.

The procedures for appointing the Secretary of the Faculty were revised as Class A legislation on June 15, 2007. The position is elected by a majority vote of the Senate Executive Committee and confirmed by a majority vote of the Faculty Senate and does not serve at the pleasure of the President.

This office has been held successively by the following individuals:

1938-40	Dean Newhouse, Registrar
1940-43	Irvin Hoff, Registrar
1944-62	Ethelyn Toner, Registrar
1962-66	Harry Bauer, Professor of Librarianship
1966-68	Oliver Nelson, Associate Professor of Speech
1969-72	Lawrence Zillman, Professor of English
1972-73	Robert Hennes, Professor of Civil Engineering & Humanistic Social Studies
1973-75	Richard Wilkie, Associate Professor of Germanics
1975-79	Laurel Lewis, Professor of Electrical Engineering
1979-82	William Phillips, Associate Professor of English
1983-88	Don Williams, Associate Professor of Education
1988-94	John Bollard, Professor of Aeronautics & Astronautics
1994-99	Míceál Vaughan, Associate Professor of English & Comparative Literature
1999-2005	Lea Vaughn, Professor of Law
2005-2007	Donna H. Kerr, Professor of Education
2007-2008	Gerry F. Philipsen, Professor of Communication
2008-present	Marcia Killien, Professor of Family & Child Nursing