

The Election of the UFS President, 2025

At the Spring 2025 UFS Plenary in Oneonta, the Senators in attendance will elect a UFS President to serve a two-year term (July 2025-June 2027). Guidelines spelling out candidate eligibility and the election process may be found in UFS governance documents. The Nominations & Elections Committee, which oversees the process, created this set of answers to FAQs based on the relevant governance documents. This document is an unofficial guide to the election; approved governance documents prevail in the case of any disagreement.

What are the duties and compensation of the UFS President?

The President serves as a non-voting member of the SUNY Board of Trustees, presides over Senate meetings, works closely with UFS committees, and represents the UFS on other SUNY committees and at SUNY events. See UFS Bylaws V.2.A. and VI.2 for more on the President's role.

During their term in office, the UFS President normally receives leave from their regular faculty duties; SUNY transfers funds to their home campus in compensation. The President has also received a summer salary of \$7500 during their term.

Who is eligible to run for UFS President?

UFS Bylaws II.1: *“Before July 1st of each odd-numbered year, the Senate shall elect one of its elected members or the current vice president/secretary as president of the Senate for a term of two years.... The president of the Senate may be reelected for a second term, but may not thereafter be eligible for a successive term...”*

Because current President Landa is serving his second full term, he is not eligible for reelection. The current VP/Secretary and all current Senators, including Alternate Senators, are eligible to stand for election to succeed him.

How do I nominate others or myself?

See UFS Bylaws IX.3. Interested, eligible candidates must submit a one-page CV that highlights their governance experience and a one-page candidate statement to Kristin Stapleton, Chair of the Nominations & Elections Committee by **March 26, 2025**

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Is campaigning allowed?

See UFS Standing Rules IX.3. After all candidates' nomination materials have been distributed to Senators, Committee Chairs, and Campus Governance Leaders, each candidate may send out one email to the body. They may also answer questions posed to them by individual members. At the Spring Plenary, 15 minutes per candidate will be set aside for candidates to answer a set of questions. Other sorts of campaigning are not allowed.

How does voting occur?

See UFS Bylaws IX.4. All Senators, including those attending remotely, vote via secret ballot at the Spring Plenary, after Senators have had time to discuss the candidates' answers to the questions addressed to them. A majority of the votes cast is required for election.