

## Faculty Non-Voting Representative to the Board of Trustees

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The Gallaudet University Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of having the participation of the university's faculty in the governing process in a way that their expertise, views, interest, and concerns can be effectively shared.

Accordingly, the Board has agreed to include a tenured faculty member of the Faculty Senate serving as the faculty representative on one Board committee, namely the Committee on Academic Affairs.

The Committee may decide not to include the faculty representative during an executive session where it is desirable or advisable to do so.

The Faculty normally has its election of officers and committee members during the spring semester. At that time, the Faculty will elect, for a three year term, a Senator with continuous tenure who will simultaneously serve as Faculty Representative to the Committee on Academic Affairs of the Board of Trustees. For the '08-'09 academic year, the Senate will appoint an interim representative to the Academic Affairs Committee, pending the outcome of the spring, 2009 faculty elections. If re-elected by the faculty, the same faculty representative, and future faculty representatives, shall be eligible to serve for up to two consecutive three-year terms, or for a total of 6 consecutive years.

In the event the elected faculty representative is unable to complete his/her three-year term, the interim vacancy shall be filled by another tenured member of the Faculty Senate, appointed by the Senate, and serving as the replacement faculty representative for the unexpired portion of the term. Further, the replacement faculty representative may be re-elected by the faculty for the next successive three-year term, or for a total of no more than 6 consecutive years.

The faculty representative shall in this role serve and act solely as a representative of the faculty and shall be responsible for ensuring that their views and interests expressed while serving on the Committee of Academic Affairs are representative of the faculty and not those of the individual faculty representative.

The faculty representative shall accept and abide by the Code of Conduct of the Board of Trustees.