SECRETARY OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY

PREAMBLE: This section outlines the appointment, responsibilities, and duties of the Secretary of the Faculty. The faculty secretariaship is a position of long standing in the university and this section appeared first in the 1979 edition of the Handbook. The first substantial revision was that of November, 1991, where the faculty secretariaship was redefined as a half-time position (allowing for the creation of a half-time ombudsman position) and the responsibilities of the office were substantially changed. The second substantial revision was done in 2003 to reflect current practice and responsibilities. In 2009 responsibility for vita preparation was removed from the Office of the Faculty Secretary and placed with the faculty. In 2018 section B was updated to reflect current roles and responsibilities of the Faculty Secretary, including oversight of policy. In July 2019 the Policy Coordinator position was removed from the Faculty Secretary as a responsibility. Except where noted, the text remains as it was in 1996. For further information, contact the Office of the Faculty Secretary (208-885-6151). [ed. 7-00, 7-03, rev. 7-11, 7-18]

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A. APPOINTMENT.

A-1. The Secretary of the University Faculty (a.k.a. faculty secretary, policy coordinator see FSH 1460) is appointed on a fiscal-year basis by the president from among the tenured members of the university faculty or faculty emeriti [see 1520 II-1 and III-2]. The president appoints the secretary of the faculty from a list of candidates recommended by a nominating committee and ratified by the Faculty Senate [see C below]. [rev. 7-02, ed. 7-09]

A-2. Release time for The faculty secretary position will be the equivalent of at least one half quarter time and may be greater, at the discretion of the president, depending on the circumstances, the needs of the Faculty Senate, and the needs of the faculty member appointed. [ed. 7-09]

A-3. The term of service is three years and is renewable. [rev. 7-02]

A-4. The faculty secretary serves at the pleasure of the president and reports to the chair of the Faculty Senate and to the provost. The provost, in consultation with the vice provost for faculty and the chair and vice chair of the Faculty Senate, conducts an annual review of the faculty secretary. Early in the third year of service, an in-depth evaluation is conducted by the provost and the chair of the Faculty Senate. Included are evaluations by the senate as a whole, by other appropriate administrators and faculty, and by the incumbent. A confidential evaluation report is given to the president for review and discussion with the incumbent by the first week in October in the third year of service. [rev. 7-02, ed. 7-09]

B. RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES. The Secretary of the Faculty shall: [rev. 7-02]

B-1. Serve as a significant source of information for UI administrators, faculty, staff and students concerning policies, regulations, and procedures; serve as a channel of communication to the members of the university faculty concerning administrative and regents actions; and work with the administration and Faculty Senate in achieving positive outcomes for faculty participation in the development of university policies and procedures through the faculty governance system; and serve as a liaison with the President’s Office to facilitate maintenance and publication of the policy and procedures handbooks (see FSH 1460). [ren. & rev. 7-18]

B-2. Serve as Policy Coordinator (FSH 1460 B-5) with oversight of the Faculty-Staff Handbook (FSH) and Administrative Procedures Manual (APM) to facilitate the timely and orderly adoption of policies and procedures
C. NOMINATION PROCESS FOR SECRETARY OF THE FACULTY.

C-1. The chair of the Faculty Senate appoints a five-member nominating committee, with the approval of the Faculty Senate. The committee is composed of the vice provost for faculty affairs and four other members of the senate, one of whom shall be the Faculty Senate Chair, or his/her designee, who shall serve as the committee chair. [add. 7-02, ed. 7-09, & rev. 7-17]

C-2. The nomination committee should seek out and give preference to nominees who have the following qualifications: (1) attained the rank of full professor or are faculty emeriti, (2) communication skills, (3) supervisory experience, (4) extensive experience in university service, and (5) excellent understanding and commitment to the role and mission of the University of Idaho and to shared governance thereof. In particular, the committee should seek nominations from, but are not limited to, Faculty Senate and from University-level committee members. [add. 7-02, rev. 7-17]

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C-3. The committee advertises the position, solicits and accepts applications and nominations, and screens candidates. The committee functions in a confidential manner. [ren. 7-02]

C-43. The committee recommends a list of candidates for ratification by the Faculty Senate. The senate shall meet in executive session to discuss candidates recommended by the nominating committee. The senate may not add names to those recommended by the nominating committee but may choose to delete any of the candidates nominated by the committee. [ren. and rev. 7-02]

C-54. The Faculty Senate forwards the names of nominees ratified by the Faculty Senate to the president. The president selects the faculty secretary from that list or requests that a new group of nominees be selected following the procedures outlined in C-1 through C-43. [ren. 7-02, ed. 7-09]

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