



UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA

ELECTION OF SENATE MEMBERS TO BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Senate Members on the Board of Governors

Under Section 8 of [The University of Manitoba Act](#) (the "Act"), the Board of Governors is composed of 23 members including:

- (a) 3 members **elected** by the Senate from among the members of the Senate;
- (b) the President (who is also the Chair of Senate);
- (c) the Chancellor (who is also a member of Senate).

Rules of Election of Senate Members to the Board of Governors

1. Elections shall be held at the June meeting of Senate.
2. A motion to close nominations shall be entertained only if the number of nominations is at least equal to twice the number of vacancies to be filled, or if, prior to obtaining such number, no one objects to the putting of the motion, which shall require two-thirds majority for adoption.
3. Before the vote is taken, each nominee, if present, shall stand to be identified and the nominee's University association (i.e. Faculty, School, Department, etc.) shall be announced. If the person nominated is not present, the nominator must state that the person nominated has consented to the nomination.
4. Only before the close of nominations or after the first ballot shall any person have the right to withdraw.
5. All voting shall be by secret ballot. To cast a vote for a particular candidate, Senators shall print clearly the name of such candidate on the ballot provided.

Following the announcement of the results, the ballots shall be destroyed by the Returning Officer.

6. If a tie results from any one of the elections which prohibits the unique determination of the appropriate terms of office, the question shall be resolved by another election involving only the candidates who have so tied.
7. Those elected shall take office immediately.
8. The University Secretary shall be the Returning Officer for all elections.

Restrictions:

Senate has agreed by resolution that at least one of the three individuals which represent it on the Board of Governors have no administrative responsibilities greater than those of department head at the time of election.

Members-at-large

According to Section 27(4) of the Act, a member elected to Senate by a faculty or school council who has been subsequently elected by Senate to the Board and whose term of office on Senate expires before his or her term of office on the Board, shall be appointed by Senate to be a member-at-large of Senate for the remainder of his or her term on the Board.

Termination of Membership of Person Elected to the Board of Governors by Senate

In addition to the member-at-large provision noted above which is limited to those persons who are members of Senate as a result of their election by a faculty or school council, Section 10(2) of the Act provides for the termination of other individuals (student or ex officio member) who may have been elected as Senate representatives. The section reads as follows:

A member of the Board who has been elected by the Senate, on ceasing to be a member of the Senate, and the passing of a resolution by the Senate that it does not wish the member to continue as a member of the Board, ceases to be a member of the Board; and a notification of the passing of the resolution by the Senate to the Secretary of the Board is conclusive proof that the member of the Board has ceased to be a member of the Senate and [sic?] of the passing of the resolution.

The Executive Committee may bring to Senate a motion to grant assessor status on Senate for the remaining portion of the term of a student or ex officio member of Senate who was elected to represent Senate on the Board of Governors, and whose term on Senate has expired prior to that person's term on the Board. In the event that Senate does not pass such a resolution, a motion to terminate the membership on the Board of Governors as a Senate representative shall be adopted.

(Amended by Senate June 6, 1990).

Inquiries about the Board of Governors

Inquiries about the functions and procedures of the Board of Governors should be directed to the University Secretary, Room 312 Administration Building (474-6167).