

Behavioral Science Department Chair Election Fall 2022

- On October 4, a call for nominations for department chairs in twelve departments for the regular 2023-25 term was sent to all department faculty the Senate Office knew about.
- After October 4, the list of tenure-track/tenured faculty in Behavioral Science was updated.
- A separate call for nominations for the special election for replacement Behavioral Science Department Chair to finish the Spring 2023 term was not done.
- One person was nominated from the regular election call for Behavioral Science. That one person agreed to be considered for the special election as well. Almost all nomination calls have netted just one person willing to be department chair for at least the past several cycles, so many department chairs run unopposed.
- On October 27, ballots for the special election + regular election were sent to all tenure-track/tenured faculty on the updated Behavioral Science list. Each ballot had the one person's name for the regular term and the special election (Spring 2023) term.
- Behavioral Science's election response rate was 43% which is in the middle of the response rates we received in this election cycle and very typical for elections in at least the past several election cycles.
- Several faculty who said they did not receive ballots later found them in their email after the election closed.
- The person on the Behavioral Science ballot received a supermajority of votes and there were two write-ins receiving one vote each.
- In keeping with the faculty contract, just the two person(s) named on the ballot with the highest number of votes were sent to the College President for consideration (Physical Science was the only department with more than one person on the ballot).
- In keeping with long-standing practice of the Senate Office (long before the current Senate President's term), the write-ins were not forwarded to the College President (Behavioral Science was the only department with write-ins).
- Because not all of the Behavioral Science tenure-track/tenured faculty were included in the regular election nomination call and because there was no separate call for the Behavioral Science special election replacement, the Executive Board decided to do a re-do of the Behavioral Science special election in the last two weeks of the Fall 2022 semester AND a re-do of the Behavioral Science regular election in the first few weeks of the Spring 2023 semester.
- The nomination call for the Behavioral Science special election replacement will be just one work week (Mon-Fri).
- The nomination call for the Behavioral Science regular term election will be the usual two weeks.
- The time period for the special election will be one work week, concluding the last day of finals.
- The time period for the regular election will be one week.
- The Executive Board also moved to change long-standing practice to forward write-ins to the College President if they are among the two highest vote getters and the write-in candidate consents to their write-in nomination.

Question for Senate: Shall we forward only the write-ins who receive more than one vote?