

Interdisciplinary Program Director Selection

The members of the interdisciplinary program have the principal responsibility for selecting the Interdisciplinary Program Director and shall conduct the election for director before the end of the fourth semester of the incumbent's term of office. The members of an interdisciplinary program shall select, by secret ballot, a nominee from the tenured faculty of the department. Nominating and voting procedures shall be specified in program by-laws. The name of the selected nominee will be submitted to the Dean (or Provost, for a program that reports directly to the Provost) for recommendation to the President. Within two months from the date of nomination, the President shall appoint the selected nominee. In the rare case that the nominee is not acceptable to the President, the President and the Dean (or Provost) shall meet with the members of the interdisciplinary program to determine a director acceptable to both the President and the members of the program. If the President and the members of the program cannot reach an agreement within two months from the date of the rejection of the original nominee, the Department shall notify the Faculty Senate. The Senate shall form an Ad Hoc Committee to conduct a review and, within two months from the date of notification, recommend a director to be appointed by the President. All deliberations and decisions must occur within an academic calendar year. The term of office for interdisciplinary program directors shall be three years and shall start on the first day of the academic year.

For the purposes of the above policy, the "members of an interdisciplinary program" are defined as follows:

- For a new program: the faculty members who are proposing the creation of the program;
- For an already existing program: are defined by the by-laws of the program, and must include at least all faculty who have taught at least one course in the program in the last two years. If the by-laws of the program do not define program membership, the members shall be assumed to be all faculty who have taught at least one course in the program in the last two years.
- Under no circumstances shall anyone who is not currently a member of the AAUP faculty be considered a member of the program.