

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

in the City of New York

Policy and Planning Committee of the Arts and Sciences (PPC)

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How PPC Members Are Elected

The Policy and Planning Committee (PPC) has nine members. Three of them (one from each division) are department chairs, and six of them (two from each division) are tenured faculty members who are not chairs. The members who are department chairs serve one-year terms, and the members who are not department chairs serve three-year terms. The bylaws contain provisions for dealing with vacancies.

The six members of the PPC who are not chairs (“regular members”) are elected by the faculty. The positions that need to be filled change from year to year because of varying ends of terms and varying departures from the PPC for other reasons. Even though each position on the PPC is designated for a faculty member from a particular division, all faculty are eligible to vote on all positions. These elections take place electronically in May.

A committee chaired by the Executive Vice President generally places on the ballot the names of two candidates for each position. If faculty members are interested in being considered for election to the PPC, they should contact the Executive Vice President, or contact their chair to convey this information to the Executive Vice President. This should be done as early as possible, but no later than April 1.

A faculty member may also place his/her name on the ballot directly by submitting a petition signed by at least 20 faculty members (yourself included) to the Executive Vice President no later than COB April 15.

The three members of the PPC who are department chairs (“chair members”) are elected at the chairs meeting in May. Generally, one candidate is nominated from each division by the chairs in that division. If you are a chair and are interested in serving on the PPC, you should contact your divisional dean.