

**REGULATIONS FOR
THE ELECTION OF FACULTY
TO THE ACADEMIC COUNCIL**

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 In accordance with Section 28 of the Universities Act, 1997, the composition of the Academic Council is provided for in Statutes of the University of Limerick. The election of at least two members of faculty from each Faculty to the Academic Council, whose number shall be determined by Academic Council and approved by Governing Authority, shall be in compliance with the regulations set out hereunder:

2. Eligibility to Stand for Election and to Vote

- 2.1 All permanent and full-time members of faculty with contracts of 12 months or longer and who are members of the College Faculty Board at the time of election are eligible to vote in and stand for election. A faculty member for this purpose may be defined as someone who is designated as an academic member of staff, i.e. whose contract of employment with the University specifies the title of one of the following:

- Professor
- Associate Professor
- Senior Lecturer
- Lecturer
- Junior Lecturer

- 2.2 Faculty members who enjoy membership of more than one Faculty Board shall be eligible to stand for election and vote in their own Faculty Board elections only.

3. Employment Position

- 3.1 Eligibility to stand for and be elected to the Academic Council does not confer any particular status or rights in regard to employment position held in the University where such status or rights did not previously exist.

4. Term of Office of Members of Faculty Elected to Academic Council

- 4.1 The term of office of members of faculty elected to Academic Council shall be for a period of five years in accordance with Statutes of the University of Limerick unless they cease to be members of Academic Council for the reasons set out in Section 5 below.

5. Cessation of Membership of Academic Council

- 5.1 In the case where elected faculty members no longer fulfil the conditions under which they were elected to the Academic Council, they will immediately cease to be elected members of the Academic Council.

5.2 In the event elected members of faculty to Academic Council resign or for whatever reason cease to be members of faculty of the University, they shall immediately cease to be members of the Academic Council.

5.3 The Academic Council shall arrange for the filling of the casual vacancy as soon as practicable. Arrangements shall be put in place by the relevant Dean's Office for the election of a replacement to the Academic Council for the remainder of that Academic Council's term of office. The election process shall be in accordance with the regulations that prevail at that time.

6. **Method of Election**

6.1 The PR/STV election process, in accordance with the rules governing elections to Seanad Éireann, will apply to the election of members of faculty to the Academic Council of the University.

6.2 The relevant Dean or his/her nominee will be the Returning Officer for the election of members of faculty to the Academic Council. The Acting Secretary will be responsible for the investigation of any appeals based on alleged procedural irregularities. Based on the recommendations of the Acting Secretary, the President will uphold or dismiss any such appeal.