

Awards for Outstanding Senate Leadership

The Auburn University Senate will annually recognize Senators for their exceptional leadership in the University Senate. Three awards are available: the **Outstanding New Senator Award**, the **Outstanding Senator Award**, and the **Outstanding Senate Committee Chair Award**. Each awardee will receive a \$1000 one-time honorarium.

Outstanding New Senator Award

(one awarded annually)

Selection Qualifications:

1. The nominee is serving in their first term.
2. The nominee has actively and exemplarily served in the Senate, making significant contributions to the University Senate's work.
3. The nominee has provided exemplary leadership essential to the success of shared governance at Auburn University.

Nominating letters should include specific evidence and examples of how the candidate has fulfilled the selection qualifications and criteria listed below. Up to two letters of support may be included in the nomination packet. Winners of the award will be selected by an ad hoc committee identified by the University Senate Executive Committee. Current members of the Senate Executive Committee are not eligible for nomination.

Outstanding Senator Awards

(two may be awarded annually: one currently serving, one previously served)

Selection Qualifications:

1. Nominee has served as a Senator for a minimum of 5 years, consecutively or nonconsecutively.
2. May be a current or former Senator.
3. The nominee has actively and exemplarily served in the Senate, making significant contributions to the University Senate's work.
4. The nominee has provided exemplary leadership essential to the success of shared governance at Auburn University.

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Outstanding Senate Committee Chair Award

(one awarded annually)

Selection Qualifications:

1. The nominee has served as a Senate Committee Chair for a minimum of 2 years.
2. May be a current or former Senate Committee Chair.
3. The nominee has actively and exemplarily served as a Senate Committee Chair, making significant contributions to the University Senate's work.

4. The nominee has provided exemplary leadership essential to the success of shared governance at Auburn University.

Nominating letters should include specific evidence and examples of how the candidate has fulfilled the selection qualifications and criteria listed below. Winners of the award will be selected by an ad hoc committee of the University Senate Executive Committee. Current members of the Senate Executive Committee are not eligible for nomination.

Criteria for University Senate Outstanding Awards

For each award nomination, submit one nomination letter and two letters of support (maximum). The nomination packets should speak to the following list of criteria. Consider this non-comprehensive list as guiding inspiration for writing about candidates; each of these criteria may not apply to every candidate and additional criteria not listed may be relevant.

1. **Effective Leadership:** Demonstrates strong leadership skills in faculty governance, including for example: meaningful contributions to University Senate meetings, healthy participation in decision-making processes, and/or exemplary service as committee chair.
2. **Advocacy and Representation:** Effectively represents constituent interests and concerns in meetings and discussions, advocating for policies and initiatives that benefit the academic community.
3. **Commitment to Governance:** Shows a high level of commitment to the work of the University Senate, including regular attendance at meetings, active participation in committees, and contribution to the development of policies and procedures.
4. **Collaboration and Communication:** Works collaboratively with colleagues, administration, and other stakeholders, fostering positive relationships and effective communication.
5. **Innovation and Initiative:** Introduces and supports innovative ideas or initiatives that improve faculty governance or enhance the university environment.
6. **Professionalism and Integrity:** Exhibits high standards of professionalism and ethical behavior in all senate-related activities, maintaining the trust and respect of peers.
7. **Impact and Effectiveness:** Demonstrates a measurable positive impact on faculty governance or the academic institution, through successful projects, initiatives, or improvements.

TIMELINE

Call for nominations at the January Senate meeting

Nominations submitted by March 15th

Ad Hoc Committee reviews nominations by May 1st

Awards presented at the Fall Senator Orientation in August