

Dear Colleagues,

It is election time on campus, with nominations being sought for UW-Madison's first-ever Classified Staff Executive Committee.

The UW System Board of Regents on Sept. 6 approved a resolution authorizing classified staff of each system institution to develop a governance structure and select representatives to participate in campus governance. This is an opportunity for all permanent members of the UW-Madison classified staff to vote for nine people to represent the nearly 5,000 employees who make up the classified staff.

The goal is to provide shared governance opportunities for classified staff employees similar to those for academic staff and faculty. Previously, all classified staff did not have a formal governance structure at UW-Madison.

The nomination process opened this week. Nomination papers and instructions will be sent to the homes of all permanent classified staff employees, with nominations accepted through Oct. 3.

Ballots will be mailed to voters' homes starting Oct. 18. Completed ballots must be returned or postmarked by Oct. 30. Four open informational forums will be held to explain the process for those interested in either running for election or for those voting. The forums, all offering translation services, are being held at:

- 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17, Memorial Union
- 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18, Memorial Union
- 11 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, Health Sciences Learning Center
- 11 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 25, Union South

All classified staff members are encouraged to attend one of these forums and may do so during their scheduled hours. If necessary, the university will work with employees to adjust schedules so they will be able to participate.

More information, including candidate profiles once nominations are closed, can be found on the [advisory committee's website](#) or by contacting John Lease at 608-263-2995 or [jlease@vc.wisc.edu](mailto:jlease@vc.wisc.edu). Paper copies of all election-related materials are available at room 167A Bascom Hall.

We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity by helping your fellow colleagues in representing the issues and ideas that matter to you as an important member of our campus community.

Please mark your calendar for one of these forums – and remember to vote by Oct. 30. Thank you for your contributions to campus and for helping with this first-ever election.

Rebecca Blank, Chancellor

Paul M. DeLuca, Provost

Darrell Bazzell, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration