

Senators are free to choose the style of representation they will use unless the department has explicitly stated the style they want from their Senator.

**Trustee model of representation:** constituents elect their representatives as 'trustees' for their constituency. These 'trustees' have autonomy to deliberate and act as they see fit, in their own conscience even if it means going against the explicit desires of their constituents;

**Delegate model of representation:** constituents elect their representatives as delegates for their constituency. These delegates act only as a mouthpiece for the wishes of their constituency/state and have no autonomy from the constituency only the autonomy to vote for the actual representatives of the state. This model does not provide representatives the luxury of acting in their own conscience and is bound by imperative mandate. Essentially, the representative acts as the voice of those who are (literally) not present.

Senators often use a mixture of these two styles, those most favor the trustee model of representation so as not to burden their department faculty with votes on many of the issues brought to Senate. Senators are to be the communication link between the Senate (body rep.) and the department faculty, so hopefully the Senators are providing their own reports of what happened at Senate and soliciting feedback on legislation/resolutions/action items before the Senate.