

University of Kentucky
University Senate Rules and Elections Committee
Report to Senate Council
February 27, 2008

The Rules and Elections Committee has approved the following item and we recommend that the Senate Council approve them and recommend them favorably to the Senate.

Election of Faculty Trustees

There has been some uncertainty in the past about why candidate biographies and statements do not appear on the preliminary faculty trustee election ballot. We agreed to change the placement of the candidate biographies and statements to the preliminary round and to add to the rule the current practice of providing candidate photos as well.

Changes: deletions are ~~stricken through~~, additions are underlined

1.5.2 ELECTION: TWO VOTING UNIVERSITY SYSTEM FACULTY MEMBERS, BOARD OF TRUSTEES

B. The Preliminary Ballot (if necessary)

If more than three (3) persons are nominated, the names of all nominees shall be placed upon an electronic ballot with email notifications sent to all eligible faculty voters. If electronic balloting is not feasible, a paper ballot shall be utilized. The ballot shall contain the college and department or other subunit affiliation, if any, of each nominee, a brief biographical sketch submitted by each of the candidates, and may contain a picture of and a brief statement by the candidate. The election shall be by secret ballot and voters shall vote for only **one (1)** nominee. If one (1) nominee receives a majority of the votes, that person shall be declared elected. Otherwise, the three (3) nominees receiving the highest number of votes (including ties) shall be placed upon a final ballot.

C. The Final Ballot

The final ballot shall contain a brief biographical sketch submitted by each of the candidates and may contain a picture of and a brief statement by them. Each voter shall indicate a first and may indicate a second choice. All of the first choice ballots will be counted, and any candidate who receives a majority of votes will be elected. If no one receives a majority, a determination shall be made between the two (2) candidates with the largest number of first choice votes in the following manner: The second choice votes on the ballots whose first choice candidate or candidates have been eliminated will be added to the first choice votes received by the top two (2) candidates, and the person with the larger number of total votes will be elected. (In the event of a tie at that stage, the candidate with the larger number of first choice votes will be elected. And in the event of a tie in the first and second choice votes, the tie will be resolved by a random draw after notifying the top two candidates.) [Revised: 10/1/80; Senate Rules Committee; US: 1/18/88; US: 10/12/98; US: 10/8/01]