

**Proposed Changes to *Senate Rules 1.3.1.2.A.3* (“University Senate Council,” “Elected Faculty Membership,” “Election”)**

**A. Elected Faculty Membership**

**1. Eligibility for Membership.** Any elected faculty member of the Senate (or person appointed to replace an elected member) whose term of office has not expired at the time of the election shall be eligible for election to the Senate Council, except that no more than three (3) of the elected members of the Senate Council shall be from any one college. If an elected faculty representative in the Senate has become ineligible and a replacement has been made, only the person who has replaced the ineligible representative shall be eligible for election to the Senate Council. Senate Council members are not eligible to succeed themselves until a lapse of one year from the expiration of their Senate Council membership (including service as Chair or Vice Chair), except that members who are filling a vacancy and who have served no more than one year, if otherwise eligible, may be eligible for election. The duration of the term of membership on the Senate Council shall not be affected by the member's term on the University Senate. [US: 10/14/85]

**2. Terms.** Elected faculty representatives in the Senate Council shall serve for three (3) years commencing on January 1 following their election and continuing until expiration of their terms or until their successors are elected and certified.

**3. Election.** Elections shall be conducted by electronic secret ballot or paper secret ballot if electronic election is not feasible. Three (3) elected faculty representatives in the University Senate shall be elected annually during the fall semester to serve on the Senate Council. The election shall be conducted under the supervision of the Chair of the Senate Rules and Elections Committee, who shall remind the voters that election to the Senate Council confers eligibility for election to Senate Council Chair the following year. [US: 1/18/88; US: 10/8/2012]

**(a) Nominating Round.** On the nominating ballot, each elected Faculty Senator may nominate up to three (3) eligible Senators from the roster of the eligible Faculty Senators as certified by the Chair of the Senate Rules and Elections Committee. The nominating round may be conducted through email. The name of eligible Faculty Senators who have been nominated and have indicated to the election official their willingness to serve will appear on the ballot. If ten (10) or fewer total nominees are willing to serve, elections shall proceed directly to the Final Voting Round described in subsection (c) below. Otherwise, elections shall include a Preliminary Voting Round described in subsection (b) below.

If three (3) or fewer total nominees are willing to serve, additional solicitations shall be made in an effort to increase the number of nominees.

**(b) Preliminary Voting Round.** On this first ballot, elected Faculty Senators may rank order up to three (3) candidates from the list of eligible persons as certified by the Chair of the Senate Rules and Elections Committee. Rank orders

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will be used to resolve ties. The six (6) candidates with the largest number of total votes, including those ranking the candidate first, second, or third, and shall become candidates in the Final Voting Round. Ties will be resolved as follows:

- i. The higher ranking goes to the candidate with the larger number of first-choice votes;
- ii. If there are still ties, the higher ranking goes to the candidate with the larger number of second-choice votes;
- iii. If there are still ties, the higher ranking goes to the candidate with the larger number of third-choice votes;
- iv. If there are still ties, the ranking will be determined by random draw.

**(c) Final Voting Round.** On this final ballot, elected Faculty Senators may rank order, but will not be required to rank order, up to three (3) candidates from the list of the eligible persons as certified by the Chair of the Senate Rules and Elections Committee. The candidates will then be ranked according to the procedure listed in subsection (b) above.

**(d) Election Results.** The three highest-ranked candidates under subsection (c) above are elected.

**(e)** The remaining candidates will be considered in the order so ranked in case of future vacancies on the Senate Council. Ties will be resolved in a fashion similar to the procedure in subsection (b) above.