

1. **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 this~~ nominating ~~ballot round~~, ~~each~~ elected Faculty Senators ~~s~~ may nominate up to three (3) eligible ~~Faculty~~ Senators from the roster of the eligible ~~Faculty Senators~~ ~~persons~~ as certified by the Chair of the Senate Rules and Elections Committee. ~~and made available to Senators. 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.~~

~~There shall be six (6) names on the voting ballot. The six (6) eligible Senators receiving the largest number of nominations shall be placed on the voting ballot, except that not more than twice the number of names from any one college as could potentially be elected from that college shall be eligible for being placed on the voting ballot. All ties will be resolved by a random drawing. Prior to placing the names of nominees on the voting ballot, the nominees' willingness to serve shall be ascertained by the Chair of the Senate Rules and Elections Committee.~~

~~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. ~~Each voter must rank order exactly three (3) candidates from the list of the six (6) nominees on the voting ballot. Failure to rank order exactly three (3) different candidates will disqualify the ballot. The six nominees will be ranked as follows: 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 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. ——— By the number of first-choice votes;~~

~~ii. ——— If there are any 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.

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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 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.

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

~~(d)~~(e) The remaining ~~three~~ 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.

2. Vacancies. Upon resignation of any elected faculty representative in the Senate Council or when such a member is no longer eligible to be a Senator, a vacancy shall be declared by the Chair of the Senate Council. A vacancy on the Senate Council shall be filled by the eligible candidate who at the most recent Senate Council election ranked the highest without being elected and who is eligible and willing to serve. [US: 1/18/88]

If the above procedure still does not fill the vacancy, the vacancy shall be filled with an eligible and willing elected Faculty Senator nominated by the Senate Council Chair and approved by the majority of the voting faculty representatives of the Senate Council.

The term of such appointments shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacating Senate Council member.

A. Elected Student Membership

1. Terms. The two elected student members of the Senate Council and the President of the Student Government Association shall serve terms of one (1) year commencing July 1 following their election and continuing until their successors are elected and certified. [US: 10/12/98]

2. Election. The two (2) elected student members of the Senate Council shall be chosen annually in the second semester of the academic year. As soon as possible after the election of the student members of the University Senate during the second semester, the President of the Student Government Association shall assemble these persons to elect the student members of the Senate Council by majority vote. [US: 10/12/98]

3. Vacancies. If at any time during the term of a student member of the Senate Council he or she should become ineligible for membership in the Senate, his or her position on the Council shall be declared vacant. The President of the Student Government Association shall then assemble the student members of the University Senate to elect his or her successor.