

Proposed Bylaws Revision for Election of Faculty Senate President

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Rationale: This proposed revision to Article II, Section 10 of the Faculty Senate Bylaws will allow the Faculty Senate to (1) recruit eligible faculty to serve as Faculty Senate President from a larger pool of qualified faculty, (2) ensure that those eligible to serve have the protections of tenure, and (3) update the election process to reflect our current practice of electronic voting..

Section 10. Election of Officers. In the spring semester of each year, the Faculty Senate shall elect a President-Elect. Each nominee shall be given the opportunity to make a brief statement relevant to his or her candidacy and respond to questions at the regular meeting of the Faculty Senate in March of each year and shall provide voting members of the Faculty Senate with a written statement regarding his or her relevant experiences and proposed contributions as Faculty Senate President in advance of that meeting. Election shall be by a majority vote of all members of the Faculty Senate taken by an electronic ~~printed mail~~ ballot before the ~~third~~-final meeting of the spring semester. One nomination for Faculty Senate Secretary and Faculty Senate Information Officer shall be made by the Executive Council subject to the approval of the Faculty Senate membership.

The President-Elect shall be chosen for a one-year term from among those members of the faculty meeting the following criteria at the time of election: (1) the holding of full-time appointment with the rank, or equivalent rank, of ~~assistant~~-associate professor or higher with tenure; (2) the performance of academic duties totaling at least half-time teaching, research, service, or departmental administration; and (3) prior service on the Faculty Senate (as an administrative member, an elected faculty member, a committee or council member, or otherwise) within the last ~~five~~ ten years. In the event of death or resignation of the President-Elect or early assumption of the President's office, the Committee on Nominations and Appointments shall present to the next meeting of the Faculty Senate a new slate of at least two nominees for another election for President-Elect. Voting members of the Faculty Senate may write in additional nominees. Election shall be by a majority vote of all members of the Faculty Senate taken by an ~~printed mail~~ electronic ballot before the next meeting of the Senate. The current President shall remain in office until a successor is elected.