

Senate Handbook Change – Name of the Nominating Panel

Resolution to Change the Name of the Nominating Panel to the Election Committee

To better reflect the committee's purpose, the name of the Nominating Panel will be changed to the Election Committee.

Senate Handbook, Article IV: Senate Procedures

3. Recurring Senate Actions Having Fixed Dates

- Prior to March 15: The Executive Committee appoints a ~~Nominating~~ Election Panel to recommend candidates for chair, vice chair, members of the Executive Committee, and representatives to the Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees.
- April: At least ten days before the annual organizational meeting (at which the following academic year's Senate leadership and board representative elections are held), the executive secretary issues a Call to the Organizational Meeting. At least five days before the annual organizational meeting, the executive secretary issues the report of the ~~Nominating~~ Election Panel to the Senate-elect. The executive secretary asks new senators for their committee preferences. (Continuing senators remain on their designated committees.)

Article VIII: Committees of the Senate

- ~~1.~~—Senators' committee preferences are solicited by the executive secretary, and those stated preferences are accommodated whenever possible. The executive secretary then drafts committee membership rosters, attempting to balance the composition of all committees based on constituency, campus, and new and continuing senators. The Executive Committee refines and adopts the committee composition, honoring preferences to the extent they are compatible with other requirements for balance and continuity. All senators will normally serve on one standing committee. Senators elected to the Executive Committee, however, will also be assigned to an additional committee — except for the chair, who shall be a member ex officio of all standing committees other than the ~~Nominating~~ Election Panel and the Appeals Panel.

~~Nominating~~ Election Panel

Standing Charge: The ~~Nominating~~ Election Panel shall be appointed by the Executive Committee in March or April of each year and shall consist of at least three Senators with the following responsibilities:

- Identify candidates for the offices of chairperson, vice chairperson, other members of the Executive Committee, and all other officers and representatives to be elected by the Senate.

- The Nominating-Election Panel shall nominate one or more candidates for each office. The Nominating-Election Panel chair, on behalf of the Nominating-Election Panel, solicits and accepts additional nominations from the Senate floor during the election process.

Note: The report of the Nominating-Election Panel shall be circulated to members of the Senate-elect by the Senate executive secretary at least five days before a special organizational meeting of the Senate-elect to be held in the spring of each year for the purpose of electing officers.