

ARTICLE V: Elections

A. ~~Nominating~~ Election Committee

- a. The Senate Executive Committee, prior to April 1, shall appoint an ~~a~~ nominating election committee to ~~select~~ identify candidates for the office of chair~~person~~, vice ~~chair~~person, and for membership on the Executive Committee and all other officers and representatives that are to be elected by the Senate. ~~The report of the committee shall be circulated to members of the Senate elect at least ten days before a special meeting of the Senate elect to be held in May for the purpose of electing officers. // Prior to March 15: The Executive Committee appoints a Nominating 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.~~
- ~~a.~~ Standing Charge: The Nominating Panel Election Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee in March or April of each year and shall consist of at least three Senators. The Executive Secretary attends Election Committee meetings but is not a voting member of the committee. One member of the committee will be designated as chair. The Election Committee serves from time of its appointment until the Senate Organizational meeting for that academic year, with the following responsibilities:
- b. ~~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.~~
- c. The ~~Nominating Panel~~ Election Committee shall nominate one or more candidates for each office. The ~~Nominating Panel~~ Election Committee chair, on behalf of the ~~Nominating Panel~~ Election Committee, solicits and accepts additional nominations from the Senate floor during the election process.
- ~~d.~~ The report of the Nominating 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.

B. In April or May, an organizational meeting is held at which an election for the following academic year's Senate officers, Executive Committee members, and board representative are held. Senators whose terms include the following academic year may vote in the election. The portion of the organizational meeting where the election takes place is chaired by the chair of the Election Committee.

- a. 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 Panel Slate of Nominees to the Senate-elect.

C. For newly-elected or re-elected Senators to be eligible for election, the Senate office must have received confirmation from their unit prior to the organizational meeting that they have been elected to a term including the following academic year.

D. Senators may not be placed on the initial ballot for more than one position in any single election. Senators may not accept nomination, nor be placed on the initial ballot, for more than one position in any single election.

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~~Candidates for chair and vice chair shall be elected Senators with two or more years of experience (not necessarily consecutive) on the Senate and at least one year as either a member of the Executive Committee or as a committee chair or co-chair.~~

~~E. Candidates for chair and vice chair must submit campaign statements, that include their committee(s) and Senate attendance records for the two prior years of their Senate membership.~~

~~F. Nominations from the floor at the time of the election will not be accepted for chair. Except as specified in Section H below, nominations from the floor will also not be considered accepted for vice chair.~~

~~G. Nominations and campaign statements for chair and vice chair must be received by the executive secretary of the Senate at least one week prior to the election, so that campaign statements can be disseminated to all University Senators in advance of the election.~~

~~B. If one or more of the candidates for the position of chair any position are unsuccessful in the election, they may be nominated or self-nominated on the floor of the Senate to run for election to another position vice chair.~~

~~C. If the election for Senate chair is contested, then it shall be conducted separately.~~

~~D.H. Nominations for vice chair and the Executive Committee will be closed only after the announcement of the results of the chair election. The same will hold for the Executive Committee nominations if the vice chair election is contested.~~

~~E. The elections for Board of Trustees and Board of Governors representatives may be conducted simultaneously with those for officers of the Senate, but senators will not be allowed to run for more than one position.~~

~~F.I. Elections shall be conducted electronically by secret ballot. The candidate who receives the plurality of the vote will be declared the winner. If there is only one candidate for the position, the candidate is declared elected by unanimous consent. In the event of a tie, elections will be held between the two candidates with the highest number of votes until one candidate achieves a plurality.~~

~~J. With respect to elections, the right to request to see the vote tally of any voting procedure in which votes are tallied is limited to candidates. (request to see the vote tally of any voting procedure in which votes are tallied)~~

~~G.K. A special election may be held at any time during the academic year to fill vacancies. Article V Sections C – K also apply to special elections.~~

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