

## ARTICLE V: Elections

### A. Election Committee

- a. The Senate Executive Committee, prior to April 1, shall appoint an election committee to identify candidates for the office of chair, vice chair, and for membership on the Executive Committee and all other officers and representatives that are to be elected by the Senate.
  - b. The Election Committee 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.
  - c. The Election Committee shall nominate one or more candidates for each office. The Election Committee chair, on behalf of the Election Committee, solicits and accepts additional nominations from the Senate floor during the election process.
- 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 five days before the annual organizational meeting, the executive secretary issues the 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..
- 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 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.
- H. If one or more candidates for any position are unsuccessful in the election, they may be nominated or self-nominated on the floor to run for election to another position.
- 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.

- 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.