

Section B: Election of Executive Officers

1. Elections Committee.

The election of the offices of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be run by an Elections Committee comprised of three members of the Academic Senate Council. Its duties shall include calling for and receiving nominations, collating and distributing the position statements of all candidates running in the election, holding the election, declaring the results, and adjudicating any disputes that may arise.

Volunteers for the Elections Committee shall be called for and its membership confirmed during a meeting of the Academic Senate Council early in the Fall semester during Academic Senate election years. Any voting member of the Academic Senate Council may volunteer, unless running for election, and if necessary the Senate Council shall determine by vote the committee's final membership.

Upon first meeting the Election Committee shall appoint a chair. Any disputes before or during the election shall be resolved by the Committee, following the spirit of the Academic Senate *Faculty Statement of Ethics*. All decisions of the Committee shall be final subject to approval by the Academic Senate Council.

2. Elections procedures

The Elections Committee shall call for nominations for the Executive Officers in October of election years, ensuring all nominations are submitted to the Committee no later than the first meeting in November, when the Committee will announce the list of candidates to the Academic Senate Council.

The Committee shall ensure that elections are held before the last meeting in November. Voting shall be by a secret paper or electronic ballot of the general membership. A simple majority of those Academic Senate members voting shall be sufficient for election. If no candidate receives a majority on the first ballot, a run-off election shall be held between the two candidates receiving the most votes on the first ballot.

The Elections Committee shall announce the results of the election before or at the last meeting of the Fall semester, upon acceptance of which by the Academic Senate Council the Committee shall disband.

Section C: Vacancies in the Executive Officer positions

Vacancies in the Executive Officer positions shall be filled as follows.

In the case of a resignation, the President of the Academic Senate shall notify the Senate general membership of the vacancy and call for nominations.

These must be filed with the President (or the Vice President, in the case of a Presidential vacancy) within two weeks after the announcement of the vacancy.

The Academic Senate Council shall vote on the nominations received, and upon a two-thirds majority a candidate shall be appointed to fill the vacancy. The vacancy shall be filled for the remainder of the term of office.

In the case of the recall of an Executive Officer, the procedures shall be followed for a regular officer election. The Senate Council shall form an Elections Committee to run the election and the general membership shall vote on the nominations received, following Article VII, Section B above.

ARTICLE VIII: ACADEMIC SENATE STANDING AND OTHER COMMITTEES

Section A: Standing Committees.

1. Faculty Co-Chairs

The term of office for faculty co-chairpersons of Standing Committees shall be two years, beginning the first day of June of odd-numbered years.

Elections for the faculty co-chairpersons shall be held by the Academic Senate Council in the Fall semester of even years. The Senate President shall put out a call for nominations at least four weeks before the election and distribute any nominations at least two weeks before the election in Council. A simple majority of votes in the Academic Senate Council is required for election of faculty co-chairs.

Members elected to office shall shadow the current officers during the Spring semester before their term of office commences.

In the case of a resignation, a replacement faculty co-chair shall be elected by the Academic Senate Council for the remainder of the term of office.

Faculty co-chairs may serve for three terms consecutively and then shall stand down for at least one term before being able to stand again for election.

2. Standing Committee Members

The Senate membership of Standing Committees shall be ratified by the Academic Senate Council annually and as needed.