Elections Recommendations

# Public nomination information

* 1. Nomination (aka current candidate) information will be public information
  2. Senate Elections Webpage
     1. Record nominations and results
     2. Suggest candidate statements included here as well
  3. Senate council meeting announcements

# May only run for one position

# No write-in candidates

# Uncontested elections

* 1. Must still receive majority vote as yes with a yes/no ballot

# Term limits

* 1. Officers—3 consecutive 2 year terms (currently in the constitution VII C)
     1. Section C: Terms of Executive Officers
        1. The term of office for each Senate Executive Officer shall be two years, beginning the first day of June of odd-numbered years.
        2. Elections for the Executive Officers shall be held in the fall semester of even years. Members elected to office shall shadow the current officers during the Spring semester before their term of office commences.
        3. Executive Officers 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. Co-chairs—3 consecutive 2 year terms (currently in the by-laws: VIII A 1)
  3. Suggestions:
     1. Move term limits to the by-laws
     2. Consider different term limits? 2 consecutive terms?
     3. Also consider how much of a partial term counts as a “full term”, e.g., >1/2, 2/3, etc., for those taking office in the middle of a term

# Candidate statement guidelines

* 1. Word limit of 500 words
  2. Prompts/questions as suggestions for candidate statements
     1. Discuss your experience and qualifications
     2. Why do you want to serve in this role?

# Descriptions of officer duties (and co-chair duties?) and release time

* 1. President 1.0 pretty much everything
  2. Vice-President 0.3 sabbatical leaves, DFC, Great Teachers, End of year awards
  3. Secretary 0.2 minutes, calendar invites, reminders, help with agenda
  4. Treasurer 0.1 budget and end of year brunch
  5. Co-chairs 0.0 except for Curriculum which has 0.4
  6. This would also include additional meetings (officer meetings, co-chair meetings, etc), running workgroups,
  7. Note that duties are fluid, changing based on executive team and at the discretion of the Senate President
  8. Wistful discussion of compensation for all co-chairs, even a modest stipend $500-$1000

# Encouraging contested elections

* 1. Ubiquitous issue🡪keep encouraging people to run

# Election Rules

* 1. Election Rules will compile the election rules and process in one document separate from constitution and by-laws
     1. Would then require majority vote in council for amendment
     2. Rules to apply to both officer elections (general membership) and co-chair elections (council vote)
  2. This will require amendment to the by-laws and perhaps the constitution:
     1. by-laws: 2/3 council vote or majority of general meeting or vote open to all members; and/or
     2. constitution: 2/3 of vote of general membership or vote open to all members