Resolution 2019-2020-2 Faculty Senate Bylaw Change – Nomination and Election of Senators

Whereas, the Bylaws Section II.C. provides basic guidelines for the nomination and election of senators; and

Whereas, additional clarity and guidance is needed for the colleges; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Bylaws Section II.C. be amended as follows:

B. Nomination and Election of Senators

Senators representing an academic unit shall be elected by a vote of the general faculty of that academic unit. Each academic unit shall decide on a mechanism for conducting elections (e.g., college assembly, paper or electronic ballot) as guided by Robert’s Rules of Order (latest edition). Visiting faculty, regardless of their rank or duration of appointment, are not eligible to vote.

Each academic unit shall, by majority vote of its faculty, decide on a system of internal allocation of Senate representation; e.g., at academic unit level, by department, by proportion to department size, by a combination of department and academic unit representation, etc. Each academic unit shall annually inform the chair of the Faculty Senate of the details of such allocation and any subsequent changes in it.

No later than the fourth week of the spring semester, the Office of the Faculty Senate will provide each academic unit with a list of faculty eligible for election to the Faculty Senate and the number of seats to be filled. On receiving this information, the academic unit will conduct an election.

An open call for nomination, including self-nomination, is expected.

Each academic unit will report election results to the Office of the Faculty Senate no later than March 1. In order to provide a current list of alternate members of the Senate, each academic unit will also forward the number of votes cast for each candidate for any at-large election. If an alternate is needed, the alternate with the highest number of votes from the most recent election shall serve. If no alternate is provided, or no alternate can serve, a special election must be held.

The chair of the Faculty Senate will certify all Senate elections.

Approved by the Faculty Senate Steering Committee on April 4, 2019.
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