

3361:50-3-02 UNIVERSITY FACULTY: BYLAWS:

B. Article II. The faculty senate:

2. Section 2. Election procedures. ~~Before the first day of June in~~In Spring term each year, the faculty of each represented unit shall elect a member to the faculty senate for a term of two years. ~~No later than one week before the last Faculty Senate meeting of spring term each year the second year senator of each represented unit shall forward the name of each newly elected faculty senator to the chair of the faculty senate.~~ In alternate years, emeriti faculty shall elect a member of the faculty senate for a two-year term. Any vacancy . . .

- Rationale: Currently there is no formal process for relaying this information. Names are needed early to assist in identifying new members for standing committees, and early college election results may persuade some individuals to run for an at large Senate position.

11. Section 11. Committees.

a. Standing committees. In the spring term of each year,~~the cabinet shall propose a list of standing committees for the next academic year, and the committee on committees shall solicit nominations for these committees. At the September meeting of the faculty senate, the chairperson of the university faculty shall recommend to the faculty senate the list of standing committees for the current year, and the faculty senate shall vote for members of the standing committees. the committee on committees shall solicit nominations for individuals to fill open positions on the standing committees. At the final spring term meeting of the faculty senate, the senators shall vote for members of the standing committees. Newly elected committee members will begin their terms the first day of the month when fall term begins.~~ The list of standing committees may be altered at any time by action of the faculty senate. . .

- Rationale: The existing by-laws include an unnecessary step in the fall. Moving the elections to the final spring term meeting (whether quarter or semester) will allow the committees to begin work at the start of the academic year.

C. Article III. Procedures:

c. Each year at the April meeting of the faculty senate, the nominations committee . . . at least two nominees for each position.

Each year, the list shall include nominees for . . . and, in accordance with the provisions of the then current agreement between the university of Cincinnati and the "American Association of University Professors, University of Cincinnati Chapter," the list shall include candidates to fill positions on the ~~university faculty grievance committee~~Grievance Committee Faculty Panel. In odd numbered years, . . .

- Rationale: Updates Bylaws language to correspond to current contract language

i. Election of the chairperson-elect, secretary, faculty representatives to the

board of trustees, at-large faculty senators, and members of the ~~university faculty grievance committee~~ Grievance Committee Faculty Panel shall be determined by plurality vote. If any office . . . a single candidate.

- Rationale: Updates Bylaws language to correspond to current contract language

3. Section 3. Filling vacancies:

~~d. If a vacancy in the office of secretary of the university faculty, faculty representatives to the board of trustees, or at-large faculty senators occurs within forty-five days of a scheduled election for that position, a special election to fill the vacancy will not be held. The faculty senate cabinet may by majority vote recommend a faculty member to fill a vacancy in the office of secretary of the university faculty, representative to the board of trustees, or at-large faculty senator. At its next regularly scheduled meeting the faculty senate will consider the recommended individual as well as any other candidates nominated at the meeting before electing the new officer. Any individual elected during the first year of a term will stand for election to the second year at the next regularly scheduled annual elections.~~

- Rationale: (1) All these positions are critical and should be filled in the most expeditious manner. The current by-laws allow the chair to appoint someone to fill a vacancy in the office of secretary. (2) All university faculty elections are costly and time-consuming, whether electronic or paper ballots are used. (3) Having a representative body rather than an individual (the chair) making these appointments helps to strengthen faculty governance.

4. Section 4. Election of faculty to all university committees.

a. General Procedures for elections to university governance committees

(i) Faculty shall be elected to the standing all-university committees (those with fixed terms) each spring following the procedures outlined for faculty senate standing committees with staggered terms as appropriate.

(ii) For newly created all university and ad hoc governance committees the Committee on Committees will solicit nominations for election either at the next senate meeting or, if Cabinet approves, by electronic balloting when necessary to select representatives prior to a meeting.

b. As determined by the chair of the committee on committees, in collaboration with the faculty senate cabinet, the election of faculty to university committees may be by paper ballot or by electronic ballot, but not by both for any single election. If using a paper ballot, voting by faculty senators shall be conducted at faculty senate meetings in conformance with parliamentary procedures and the bylaws of the university faculty. If using electronic ballots, all members shall be eligible to vote. After the call for nominations, faculty shall have three working days to submit nominations and statements of interest. Faculty Senate members will then have three days to submit additional nominations.

Electronic voting by the ~~faculty senators~~ members shall be completed within three working days of electronic distribution of the final ballot. Balloting shall be under the general supervision of the committee on committees.

- Rationale: (1) Currently we have no standardized procedure for the election of all-university committee faculty representatives. (2) The growth and importance of all-university committees make it apparent that the senate should have appropriate, workable, -policies and procedures. (3) This will align the timeline all-university committees with the faculty senate election procedures.

(4) This change will expedite the participation of faculty because it will make the full range of committee opportunities apparent to them. (5) Faculty elected to these committees will be able to begin work in a more timely fashion. (6) This change removes the current conflict with Article 3, Section 6 that currently limits voting to those present at a meeting, so that in future there can be electronic voting on candidates nominated to serve on committees.