

7 **Senate Management Resolution**  
8 **Electronic Voting**  
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10 Legislative History: Modification of Senate standing rule 3 to allow for electronic  
11 voting and clarify the voting procedure.  
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13 **Whereas:** Depending on the issue, voting by the academic senate has been  
14 known to take a considerable amount of time, and

15 **Whereas:** Recently the senate acquired electronic devices that could record  
16 and display votes as they occur, and

17 **Whereas:** Clarification is needed regarding the allowed methods of voting,  
18 therefore be it

19 **Resolved:** That Senate standing rule 3 be modified as suggested in this  
20 resolution, and be it further

21 **Resolved:** That on sensitive matters, or matters when undue administrative  
22 pressure might be brought to bear, the chair of the senate shall de-  
23 clare a vote to be by secret ballot, and be it further

24 **Resolved:** That secret ballots may be cast electronically, and be it further

25 **Resolved:** That except in circumstances where a secret ballot is necessary,  
26 the use of electronic devices for official voting shall be done in par-  
27 allel with an unofficial show of hands.  
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30 **Rationale:** The use of electronic devices has the potential to streamline certain  
31 elections, such as those where secret ballots are required, and/or multiple run-off  
32 elections are expected, however, other times a show-of-hands is expected to be  
33 more efficient.  
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36 **Approved:** 4/11/16

37 **Vote:** 7-0-0

38 **Present:** Shifflett, Beyersdorf, Becker, Curry, Mathur, Laker, Gleixner

39 **Absent:** Grosvenor, Romero

40 **Financial Impact:** None expected

41 **Workload Impact:** Increased work for senate administration to administer  
42 electronic devices, slightly offset by the reduced work in  
43 tallying votes.  
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46 **Standing Rule 3 Modification Recommended:**

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### 3. Voting

- a) Electronic Voting. The senate chair shall determine on a case-by-case basis if official voting will be offered by a show of hands, or through the use of electronic devices in concert with a show of hand. The decision shall be guided by the expected efficiency of each method.
- b) Secret Ballot Voting. A secret ballot shall be required on all personnel matters except committee appointments. For all other matters, upon the request of any member and supported by five additional members, a secret ballot is also required. If voting is done electronically, no show of hands will accompany the electronic vote. A roll call vote shall be ordered upon the request of any member and supported by five additional members. If the chair faces a situation where there has been a properly supported call for a vote by secret ballot, and also a properly supported call for a roll call vote, there shall be an immediate vote to decide which type of ballot is to be taken on the motion at hand.