

# **F96-6 ELECTION OF SENATE OFFICERS; OPTION OF SECOND TERM FOR SENATE CHAIR**

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## **Legislative History:**

**Document dated November 4, 1996.**

**At its meeting of October 7, 1996, the Academic Senate approved the following Policy Recommendation presented by Sally Veregge for the Organization and Government Committee.**

**Amends** F72-7, F74-2, and S83-11.

Attached is a copy of Academic Senate Policy Recommendation F96-6.

This policy is accepted as University Policy effective November 1, 1996.

Copies sent to Executive Committee, Academic Senate.

**Amended by** [F97-9](#)

## **ACTIONS BY THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:**

**Approved and signed by Robert L. Caret, November 1, 1996.**

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### **BY-LAW AMENDMENTS ELECTION PROCEDURES**

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members of the Senate to run for the office of Vice Chair; be it

Resolved:

That the following By-Law amendments be adopted.

Amendment of By-Laws 2.1, 2.2, and 3.

2.2 Election procedures for Senate officers.

2.21 Senate Officers, other than the Chair, Past Chair and Faculty Representative at Large, shall be elected from the faculty members of the Senate annually for one-year terms.

2.22 a) If the Chair so requests, the agenda for the first regular meeting of the Senate in Spring semester shall include, as a special order of business preceding policy committee reports, a proposal to extend her/his term. When the special order item is reached, the Secretary of the Senate shall preside while the Senate debates and votes on the proposal. The vote shall be by secret ballot and approval of the extension shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote.

b) If the Senate approves the extension, the incumbent Chair is re-elected for the following year. The term of office of the Vice Chair is extended for one year. (If the term of the Vice Chair as an elected faculty representative expires at the end of the Spring semester, s/he shall take the place otherwise held by the Past Chair as an ex officio member.) The term of the Past Chair is not extended, and a Faculty Representative at Large shall be elected at the end of Spring semester to fill the Past Chair's position on the Executive Committee for the following year.

c) If the Senate does not approve the extension of the Chair's term, the Vice Chair shall automatically succeed to the office of the Chair at the adjournment of the last meeting of the current Senate in Spring semester.

d) No chair shall serve for more than two full terms in succession.

2.23 If the previous year's Chair is not the same person as the current Chair, the previous year's Chair will be a Senate officer called the Past Chair. However, if the Past Chair is elected to any other Senate office, there will be no Past Chair that year and a Faculty Representative at Large shall be elected instead.

2.24 As soon as possible after the election of new Senate members in the Spring, the Chair of the Senate shall appoint a nominating committee to prepare a slate of officers for the forthcoming academic year. This committee shall nominate at least two candidates for each open Senate office. The committee shall also ascertain the willingness of the nominees to serve if elected. The committee shall produce a brief written document regarding the qualifications and goals of each candidate which shall be distributed to the Senate prior to the day of election.

2.25 The slate of nominees proposed by the nominating committee shall be communicated to the Senate prior to the last regular meeting of the academic year. The first part of that meeting shall be the final meeting of the Senate of the current academic year; the second part shall be the first meeting of the Senate for the academic year next ensuing. The nominating committee shall make its report in the second part of the meeting, further nominations from the floor shall be accepted, and an election held to fill all open Senate offices. Only the continuing and newly elected members of the Senate, who will be members in the year ensuing, shall vote in the elector.

2.26 Should a vacancy occur in the office of Senate Chair, the Vice Chair shall automatically succeed to the position for the balance of the vacant term. S/he shall then serve for the full term of the following year, and the full term shall be counted as her/his first year in office for purposes of 2.2b). Should a vacancy occur in any other Senate office, the Executive Committee shall nominate at least two candidates to fill the vacancy and present its nominees to the Senate. Additional nominations may be made from the floor. When nominations have been closed, the Senate shall elect a replacement to serve for the balance of the vacant position's term.

### 3. Executive Committee

3.1 The Executive Committee shall be composed of all Senate officers' the President, the Provost, the

Vice President for Administration, the Vice President for Student Affairs, and the President of the Associated Students. For purposes of these By-Laws, the elected members of the Executive Committee are the Senate officers.