SP.20.03 Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.1 – Senate Executive Committee and Standing Rule 11 – Election of a Senate Executive Committee Member from the Committee on the University Senates Conference

BACKGROUND
The following revision proposes moving the requirements for electing the University Senates Conference (USC) member to the Senate Executive Committee (SEC) from Standing Rule 11 – Election of a Senate Executive Committee Member from the Committee on the University Senates Conference to the Bylaws, Part D.1 (b) – Senate Executive Committee Membership.

As this would eliminate one of the Senate’s Standing Rules, SP recommends that the Senate adopt the convention of retaining the Rule number and title in our Senate documentation, followed by “Struck by the Senate on [date] by SP.20.03.”

RECOMMENDATION
The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends the approval of the following revisions to the Bylaws. Text to be deleted is struck through and text to be added is underlined. Adoption of amendments to the Bylaws requires a two-thirds vote of the Senate. SP recommends that the Senate adopt the convention of retaining the Rule number and title in our Senate documentation, followed by “Struck by the Senate on [date] by SP.20.03.”

REVISION TO THE BYLAWS, PART D.1 – Senate Executive Committee

b. Membership

1. The Senate Executive Committee shall be composed of 16 members consisting of:

   a. a Chair and a Vice-Chair, elected by ballot by and from among the membership of the Senate, who shall be the presiding officers of the Senate Executive Committee,

   b. the Chair of the Committee on Committees,

   c. the Chair of the Educational Policy Committee,

   d. the Chair of the General University Policy Committee,

   e. the Chair of the Information Technology Committee,
f. the Chair of the University Statutes and Senate Procedures Committee,
g. three members elected by the Senate from a slate consisting of all remaining
committee chairs willing to serve, with a runoff among the five candidates
receiving the most votes (if there are more than five candidates), and additional
candidates if tied for fifth place,
h. three students, including at least one undergraduate and at least one
graduate or professional student, all of whom shall be elected by and from
among the student senators,
i. one of the Senate’s representatives to the University Senates Conference,
elected by the Senate at its organizational meeting to serve on the Executive
Committee, Nominees shall be those members of the Committee on University
Senates Conference who consent to serve if elected. A majority of votes shall be
required to elect on the first ballot. If a majority vote is not reached on the first
ballot, a runoff election shall be held between the two nominees who received
the highest number of votes, and including all of those tied with the highest or
second highest number of votes. A plurality of the votes cast shall be required to
elect on the second ballot,
j. the campus faculty member of the Faculty Advisory Council to the Board of
Higher Education ex officio with vote, and
k. the Chair of the committee which performs the statutory function of the
Professional Advisory Committee or the Chair's designee ex officio with vote.

REVISIONS TO STANDING RULE 11

11. Election of a Senate Executive Committee Member from the Committee on the University
Senates Conference
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At its organizational meeting, each new Senate shall elect one member of the Committee on
the University Senates Conference to serve on the Senate Executive Committee, as provided in
Bylaws Part D.1.b and D.20.a. In the event of a vacancy in this office, the Senate shall elect a
replacement. Unless the Senate on a particular occasion shall determine otherwise, the following procedure shall be used:

A. The nominees shall be those members of the Committee who consent to serve if elected.
B. The election shall be conducted by ballot.
C. A majority of the votes cast shall be required to elect on the first ballot.
D. If no one is elected on the first ballot, a run-off election shall be held between the two candidates who received the highest numbers of votes on the first ballot. In the event of a tie for the highest or second highest number of votes, the run-off ballot shall include all of those who are tied.
E. A plurality of the votes cast shall be required to elect on the second ballot.

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