

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND CREDENTIALS
(Final; Action)

EC.21.05 Revision to the *Election Rules for the Academic Professional Electorate*, Section 5
– Conducting Elections

BACKGROUND

This revision proposes to increase from two to three the number of nominees that may appear on a final ballot for election of academic professionals to the Senate. It is rare that more than three nominations are received for a voting unit, so this will reduce the number of times a second ballot is required. This will make the process more efficient, and reduce confusion by both candidates and the electorate caused by two ballots in close proximity with only one fewer candidate. The revision also eliminates the need for a second ballot in the event that a nominee receives a majority of the votes cast on a preliminary ballot. This would allow the Council of Academic Professionals (CAP) to more efficiently complete the election process by requiring a runoff election only when there are four or more nominees.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials recommends the approval of the following revisions to the *Election Rules for the Academic Professional Electorate*. Text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~ and text to be added is underlined.

REVISION TO THE *ELECTION RULES FOR THE ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL ELECTORATE*, SECTION 5 – Conducting Elections

1 **5. Conducting Elections**

2 5.1 CAP is responsible for conducting the election of academic professionals to the Senate. The
3 academic professional elections shall be completed no fewer than three weeks prior to the
4 organizational meeting of the Senate.

5 5.2 *Nominating Period*. The nominating period shall be 7 consecutive calendar days in length.
6 All nominations must include willingness to serve and a 150 words or fewer statement of
7 interest and experience. Nominations must be submitted to CAP during the designated
8 nominating period. Self-nominations are allowed.

9 5.3 *Election Period*. CAP shall prepare ballots for each voting unit with the names of all those
10 nominated and willing to serve, along with the nominee’s title, name of the nominee’s
11 home unit, and the statement of interest and experience. Names shall appear in random
12 order on each ballot.

13 a. *Automatic Election*. If only one academic professional is nominated for a voting unit,
14 an election need not be held as there is only one seat per voting unit. The sole
15 nominee may be declared automatically elected.

16 b. If a nominee receives a majority of the votes cast in a voting unit, that nominee shall
17 be deemed elected. If there are three nominees and no nominee receives a
18 majority, the nominee receiving the highest number of votes shall be deemed
19 elected. If the number of those nominated and willing to serve exceeds ~~two~~ three
20 for any voting unit and no nominee receives a majority, a preliminary ballot shall be
21 used to reduce the number of nominees to two for each voting unit. If a tie exists
22 among those eligible for the last position, all the tied names shall appear on the final
23 election ballot. On the final ballot, the nominee receiving the highest number of
24 votes shall be deemed elected.

25 5.4 The election shall be held on 7 consecutive calendar days.

26 ~~5.5 The nominees receiving the highest numbers of votes shall be deemed elected.~~

27 5.6~~5~~ Ties shall be resolved by a coin flip or drawing of lots by CAP.

28 5.7~~6~~ CAP is responsible for notifying the winning nominees as soon as possible after the
29 certification of the election results.

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