

TO: The University Senate
FROM: Nominating Committee
SUBJECT: Bylaws of the University Senate
DISPOSITION: University Senate for Discussion and Adoption
REFERENCE: University Senate Bylaws, 5.02
PROPOSAL: Elimination of two nominees to be named for each vacancy on the Steering and Nominating committees.
RATIONALE: a) The Steering and Nominating committees would have the same nominee required as the other Standing Committees. b) We are not getting enough volunteers to have an election for the Steering and Nominating committees.

Current Bylaws text with recommended changes in **red**/strikethrough:

5.02 Membership, Appointment, and Terms of Senate Committees

The Senate committees shall be constituted of Senators, Advisors to the Senate and students provided for in other sections of these Bylaws.

Elections will be held annually at the last two regular meetings of the Senate to fill elective vacancies on each Senate committee for the coming year for terms beginning June 1, and at such other times as vacancies may need to be filled. The report of the Nominating Committee, including names proposed, will be circulated with the agenda for the meeting at which elections are to take place. At least one nominee shall be identified for each elective vacancy on each Senate committee, ~~except that two shall be named for each vacancy on the Steering and Nominating committees. Members of the Steering and Nominating Committees shall be elected at the March meeting and members of other Members for all~~ committees shall be elected at the April meeting. In each instance, nominations may be made from the floor. When the number of nominees exceeds the number of vacancies to be filled, election shall be by written ballot, and a plurality is sufficient to elect.

Advisors to Senate committees shall be chosen in accordance with the provisions in section 2.00c. The Nominating Committee may recommend for Senate vote the appointment of *ex-officio* members to Senate Committees. *Ex-officio* members will be faculty members who are not Senators and bring valuable expertise to the respective committee. *Ex-officio* members have no vote on the Senate Committee but may otherwise participate fully in the deliberations of the committee.

Approving

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