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Recommendation to the Faculty Senate by the Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Friday, January 19, 2007

Members: Randy Buchanan, Cheryl Goggin, John Rachal, Paula Smithka

Proposed Changes in The Bylaws of the Faculty Senate

[Deleted language in brackets]  New language in bold

Bylaws of the Faculty Senate
Division 1: Faculty Senate Elections; Article 6 Voting Procedures; Section 344

Based on the distribution of votes cast for the first round of balloting in a given Senate representative election, [the Elections Committee shall exercise its collective judgment in determining whether an additional round is necessary and the number of candidates to be listed on that ballot.] and given no candidate receives more than 50% of the valid votes cast, the two candidates receiving the most number of votes shall proceed to the second round ballot. [The Elections Committee will also determine if a third round is necessary. At the end of each round, potential new members shall be contacted to determine their willingness to serve.] At the end of the first round, potential new members shall be contacted to determine their willingness to serve. In the event a candidate is unable to serve, the candidate who receives the next highest number of valid votes will proceed. Only in the case that the second round results in a tie will a third round be necessary.

Bylaws of the Faculty Senate
Division 1: Faculty Senate Elections; Article 6 Voting Procedures; Section 345

A majority vote [(one more than half of the valid votes cast)] (more than 50% of the valid votes cast) shall be required to elect a Senate representative on the first and second rounds of balloting. If a [third] second round of balloting is required, the candidate or candidates receiving the greatest number of valid votes cast shall be declared the representative or representatives. If in the event of a tie, a third round of balloting is required. A tie vote on the third round of balloting shall be resolved by lot by the Elections Committee.

Bylaws of the Faculty Senate
Division 1: Faculty Senate Elections; Article 4 Voter Eligibility; Section 320

As prescribed in Section 130 of the constitution, only those individuals who are employed by USM and are full-time faculty or professional librarians without any qualifying designation such as "visiting," special," or "adjunct," shall be eligible to vote for representatives to the Senate. And, as referred to in Section 110 of the constitution, the membership of the Senate, composed of the full-time faculties of designated academic divisions of the University with administrative rank no higher than Chair, shall be eligible to vote for representatives to the Senate.

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