

Resolution 1998-20. Amending the *Faculty Code of University Government* Concerning Nominations, Elections, and Filling Vacancies.

Introduced by the Committee on University Government

The General Faculty resolves:

Section 1. Section 2-4 of the *Faculty Code of University Government* is rewritten to read:

"§ 2-4. Nomination and election. (a) Nominations for election to the Faculty Council shall be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee. Other names may be added to the ballot by written nomination submitted to the secretary of the faculty by ten percent or more of the faculty members of the division for which the nomination is made.

(b) The Nominating Committee shall establish divisional nominating committees ~~of three to five members~~ within each electoral division of the Faculty Council. These committees shall recommend nominees for the Faculty Council. Each committee shall recommend at least two nominees for each vacancy within its electoral division unless the number of vacancies makes that impractical. The divisional committees normally shall be drawn from the retiring members of the Faculty Council and each shall be as widely representative of the departments in its electoral division as possible. Service on a divisional nominating committee shall be for one year.

(b) Members representing electoral divisions shall be chosen by members of the voting faculty whose primary appointments are in schools or departments assigned to that electoral division. Ballots containing the nominations shall be distributed to the appropriate division by the secretary of the faculty. Elections shall be determined by a plurality of the votes cast.

(c) The secretary of the faculty shall decide tie votes by lot.

(d) The secretary of the faculty shall fill vacancies for the remainder of unexpired terms from the list of those voted on in the two most recent elections for that division in the order of the highest number of votes received. If all such persons decline appointment or are no longer eligible for election or there is an insufficient number, the ~~Nominating Committee~~ Executive Committee of the Faculty Council shall fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term. Council members taking leave for not longer than one year may be temporarily replaced during such leave in like manner. Council members taking leave for longer than one year shall be deemed to have resigned from the Council."

Sec. 2. Section 2-10(a) of the Faculty Code is rewritten to read:

"§ 2-10. Executive Committee of the Faculty Council. (a) The Executive Committee of the Faculty Council shall consist of the chair of the faculty, the secretary of the faculty, and twelve voting members of the General Faculty elected by the Faculty Council for renewable three-year terms. The term of office shall begin on July 1. ~~Six of the initial members of the Executive Committee shall be appointed by the chair of the faculty and six shall be elected by the Faculty~~

~~Council in the manner provided in paragraph (2), below. The initial selections shall be for a combination of one, two, and three-year terms so that thereafter four seats will become open each year. As the initial terms expire, all seats shall be filled by election. No person shall serve as an elected member of the Executive Committee for more than six years in any period of seven years. A member who has served two successive full three-year terms is ineligible for election to the succeeding term.~~ "

Sec. 3. Sections 4-1, 4-2, 4-3, and 4-4 of the Faculty Code are rewritten to read:

"§ 4-1. Organizational principles. The existing standing committees of the faculty and new committees shall be organized as nearly as practicable in accordance with the following principles:

- (1) No committee shall consist of more than seven members, unless authorized by the chancellor and Advisory Committee;
- (2) Members shall serve for staggered terms of three years each and, on elective committees, ~~be ineligible to succeed themselves~~ a member who has served a full three-year term is ineligible for election to the succeeding term;
- (3) When a committee is created by faculty action, its functions shall be specifically stated in the motion or resolution;
- (4) When a committee is created by administrative action, its functions shall be specifically stated in a written communication to the faculty;
- (5) Before any new special or standing committee is created, consideration shall be given to the question whether one of the existing committees could effectively undertake the assignment;
- (6) Necessary aid and assistance shall be provided to expedite the work of the committees of the faculty; and
- (7) Service on all standing committees shall begin on July 1 following election or appointment and end on June 30 of the appropriate year.

§ 4-2. The Nominating Committee. (a) The Nominating Committee shall consist of all faculty members retiring from the elective faculty committees (Advisory, Athletics, Educational Policy, Faculty Grievance, Faculty Hearings, Financial Exigency and Program Change, and Honorary Degrees and Special Awards). The Executive Committee of the Faculty Council may appoint up to five additional members. Service shall be for one year and members are ineligible for nomination to an elective committee. The chair and secretary of the faculty shall serve as ex officio, non-voting members. The chair of the faculty shall convene the committee each year to elect its chair. The secretary of the faculty shall serve as secretary of the Nominating Committee.

§ 4-3. Procedure for electing standing committees. (a) Each spring the Nominating Committee shall provide the secretary of the faculty with three nominees for each vacancy on each elective committee. Additional nominees may be added to the ballot by written nomination of ten or more faculty members submitted to the secretary of the faculty.

(b) Ballots shall be distributed by the secretary of the faculty and those nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared elected.

(c) In the event of a tie the secretary shall determine election by lot.

(d) Interim vacancies shall be filled by the secretary from the list of those voted on in the two most recent elections in the order of the highest number of votes received unless all such persons decline appointment, or are ineligible, or there is an insufficient number, in which case the vacancy shall be filled by appointment of the chair of the faculty for the remainder of the unexpired term.

§ 4-4. Procedure for selecting appointed standing committees. The Nominating Committee ~~will~~may act in an advisory capacity to the chancellor and the chair of the faculty, as they deem appropriate, in the appointment of standing and special committees."

Sec. 2. This amendment becomes effective July 1, 1999, and shall govern elections conducted for the 1999-2000 academic year.