Revision to the Bylaws, Part C – Elections

BACKGROUND
The proposed revisions will bring the Bylaws into alignment with the Election Rules for the academic professional (EC.19.03 approved by the Senate on 4/22/19), faculty (EC.18.04 approved by the Senate on 4/2/18), and student (EC.18.03 approved by the Senate on 12/10/18) electorates that were recently updated.

RECOMMENDATION
The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends the Senate approve the following amendments to the Bylaws, Part C – Elections. Text to be deleted is struck through and text to be added is underscored. Adoption of amendments to the Bylaws requires a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

REVISIONS TO THE BYLAWS PART C – ELECTION RULES

1. Timing of Elections; and Election Rules
   a. Elections of senators shall take place during the spring semester, but not later than the eighth week of classes.
   b. The Senate may delegate to the organization that conducts elections on behalf of the governing organizations of the student body and/or the academic professional staff the authority to conduct Senate elections concurrently with other elections that it administers, pursuant to rules established by the Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials and subject to approval by the Senate.
   c. The Committee on Elections and Credentials shall establish Election Rules and Procedures, subject to approval by the Senate, by which all these elections shall be held.

2. Elections and Credentials Committee
   a. Faculty and Students: Each college or other analogous similar educational division shall establish an elections and credentials committee to assist the Senate Committee
on Elections and Credentials in the conduct of nominations and elections of senators in
that college or division.

b. Academic Professional Staff: The Council of Academic Professionals shall be the
elections and credentials committee for the academic professional electorate described
in the Constitution, Article III, Section 1.

c. The Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials may delegate to the elections and
credentials committees in 2a and 2b such functions as it deems appropriate. Actions of
these committees shall be subject to review by the Senate Committee on Elections and
Credentials.

3. Joint Affiliation

A member of the electorate who is affiliated with two or more voting units may vote in
and be elected from only one such unit, and shall designate the unit of choice in a
signed statement submitted by written notification to the Clerk of the Senate
Committee on Elections and Credentials. Such designation shall remain in effect until
such time as a change is approved by the Committee.

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