SP.20.11 Revision to the Bylaws, Part D.9 – Committee on Elections and Credentials

BACKGROUND
The following revisions clarify that the Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials (EC) is responsible for creating and maintaining the election rules for each electorate, and for consulting with the Council of Academic Professionals (CAP) on districting and redistricting of academic professionals.

The current organization conducting student elections is more clearly stated as the Campus Student Election Commission. The Chair of CAP or the Chair’s designee is suggested as an ex officio member because CAP serves as the elections and credentials committee for the academic professional electorate and assists EC in conducting the nominations and elections of academic professional senators.

RECOMMENDATION
The Senate Committee on University Statutes and Senate Procedures recommends the approval of the following revisions to the Bylaws. Text to be deleted is struck through and text to be added is underlined. Adoption of amendments to the Bylaws requires a two-thirds vote of the Senate.

REVISION TO THE BYLAWS, PART D.9 – Committee on Elections and Credentials

a. Duties

The Committee shall be responsible for the overall supervision and conduct of all nominations and elections of senators, including:

1. Devising and maintaining election rules for each electorate;
2. Determining faculty and student voting units and redistricting and student election units;
3. Allocating senatorial seats among faculty and student voting units and among student election units;
4. Consulting with the Council of Academic Professionals when the Council engages in districting and redistricting of academic professionals;
5. Ruling on questions of eligibility and interpretation of election rules;
6. generally ensuring that nominations and elections are conducted in accordance with rules and procedures that it shall devise; and
7. Certifying election results.

b. Membership

The Committee shall consist of:

1. Five faculty members;
2. One academic professional member;
3. Two student members;
4. The Clerk of the Senate or the Clerk’s designee (ex officio);
5. The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs or the Vice Chancellor’s designee (ex officio);
6. The Provost or the Provost’s designee (ex officio);
7. The Chair of the Council of Academic Professionals or the Chair’s designee (ex officio);
8. The Chair of the organization which conducts student elections on behalf of the governing organization of the student body Campus Student Election Commission or the Chair’s designee (ex officio), should the Senate exercise the option of delegating the student Senate election process to the organization conducting student elections.

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