

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS URBANA-CHAMPAIGN SENATE
COMMITTEE ON ELECTIONS AND CREDENTIALS
(Final; Action)

EC.21.06 Revision to the *Election Rules for the Academic Professional Electorate*, Section 3
– Eligibility

BACKGROUND

This revision proposes to establish more precise criteria when determining eligibility for the academic professional electorate of the Senate to better align with the eligibility criteria of the Senate *Constitution*. The current process relies upon college Deans to verify eligibility based on subjective criteria and limited access to data. If no response is received, as is common, academic professionals who may not meet the eligibility criteria remain in the electorate. This revision would make the process administered by the Council of Academic Professionals (CAP) more efficient and compliant with eligibility criteria by using appointment data from Illinois Human Resources.

RECOMMENDATION

The Senate Committee on Elections and Credentials recommends the approval of the following revisions to the *Election Rules for the Academic Professional Electorate*. Text to be deleted is ~~struck through~~ and text to be added is underlined.

**REVISION TO THE SENATE ELECTION RULES FOR THE ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL ELECTORATE,
SECTION 3 – Eligibility**

1 **3. Eligibility**

2 3.1 The *Constitution*, Article III, Section 1 lists the eligibility criteria for the academic
3 professional electorate.

4 3.2 *Process for Determining Eligibility*.

5 a. ~~Annually~~, CAP annually requests ~~a list from Academic Illinois Human Resources Office~~
6 a list of all academic professionals who meet the eligibility requirements. The list
7 shall exclude any academic professionals who are: on a visiting appointment, less
8 than one hundred percent full-time equivalent appointment (100% FTE), and/or
9 pursuing a degree. Non-degree and certificates programs shall not affect eligibility.

10 ~~b. CAP sends the list to the Deans and/or Unit Executive Officers of the units that are~~
11 ~~included in the eligible voting districts for verification of eligibility. Once verified, the~~
12 ~~list is returned to CAP.~~

13 3.3 *Split Appointments*. Members of the academic professional electorate who hold
14 appointments in more than one unit may choose the unit in which they vote. However, a
15 member must hold an appointment of greater than zero percent in a unit in order to qualify
16 for the academic professional electorate of that unit.

17 3.4 *Time of Determining Status*. Eligibility to vote and membership in a particular voting unit will
18 be determined by the person's status no earlier than 30 days prior to ~~at~~ the time the ballot
19 is cast.

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