



**FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION
FSR-2022/2023-005**

**I. Resolution/Proposal Name:
AMENDMENTS TO FACULTY SENATE BYLAWS REGARDING SPECIAL ELECTIONS**

**II. Stated Resolution:
The Faculty Senate shall amend its Bylaws to add the following section:**

§2.5.4 Special Elections Procedures

§2.5.4.1 Faculty Association members within the affected election unit shall be notified of the vacancy no less than two weeks after the vacancy has become effective. If vacancy occurs during the summer term, notification may be delayed until two weeks prior to start of the Fall semester. This notification shall include the number of seats to be filled in each election unit, the length of term, and shall explain how to nominate candidates for a Senate seat.

§2.5.4.2 The Faculty Association members of the affected election unit shall be given no less than one week to nominate candidates. Elections may occur immediately after all nominated candidates have been confirmed to appear on the ballot.

§2.5.4.3 Administration of special elections shall follow the same procedures as regular elections as outlined in §2.1 and §2.2.4 herein.

§ 2.5.4.5 Immediately following the special election, the Executive Committee shall present the resulting voting tabulations to the nominees. Afterwards, the Executive Committee shall send a notice of results to all Faculty Association members in the election unit.

§ 2.5.4.6 Voting tabulations shall not be shredded or deleted until thirty days after the formal announcement of results.

§2.5.5 Appointment Procedures

§2.5.5.1 If a vacancy should occur more than one month after the beginning of the Fall semester, the President may appoint an eligible faculty member from the affected election unit, to be confirmed as a Senator by the Senate's majority vote. If, in the President's discretion there is insufficient interest among faculty for an appointment, the seat will remain unfilled until the next general election.

§2.5.5.2 The term of an appointed Senator shall last until the next regular election. The appointed senator may run for this seat for the remainder of that seat's term.

The Faculty Senate shall amend its Bylaws making the following additional revisions:

§2.5.1 - Change 'presenting a letter of resignation to the Senate' to 'presenting a letter of resignation to both the Faculty Senate President and Secretary'.

§2.7.5 - Change 'Executive team' to 'Executive Committee'.

§3.3.6 - Change 'shall elect from the two leading candidates...' to 'shall hold a runoff vote between the two leading candidates for each office'.

§3.5.7.7 - Add new line.

§4.2.2.7 - Change 'may obtain a quorum' to 'to obtain a quorum'.

III. Justification:

The Faculty Senate Bylaws require special elections for certain vacant positions, but do not provide procedures for holding these elections. The amendments proposed herein clarify how the Senate shall proceed in these circumstances, by adding a section (§2.5.4) which explicates a special election process. This process follows regular election procedures as outlines in §2.1 and §2.2 as much as possible, but changes dates and deadlines to allow for the vacant seat to be filled more quickly.

In addition, a number of minor revisions are suggested which clarify unclear language, make terminology consistent, and fixes errors in formatting, grammar, or syntax.

IV. Divisions/Colleges/Office(s) that may be affected:

UCO Faculty Senate

V. Directed to:

UCO Faculty Senate

This resolution was submitted for consideration to the UCO Faculty Senate on 11 October 2022 by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

Recommended for approval by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee.

IT IS SO APPROVED BY THE UCO FACULTY SENATE ON 10 NOVEMBER 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alyssa L. Provencio', is written over a horizontal blue line.

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