

9. THE SENATE

9.1 Election of Members of the Academic Assembly to serve on the Senate

- (a) The University Secretary shall give notice to the Chair of the Academic Assembly of the number of vacancies on the Senate when these are to be filled by election from the Academic Assembly. The Chair shall give notice to all members of the Academic Assembly that seconded nominations for election are to be submitted to the University Secretary not later than a specified date. Staff eligible to participate in the election are members of Academic Assembly on full-time or fractional contracts. Staff may suggest themselves for election but require both a separate proposer and seconder, all of whom must be eligible to vote.
- (b) After receipt of nominations the University Secretary shall provide to all members of Academic Assembly, who are on a full-time or fractional contract, voting instructions, the names of the candidates nominated and the latest date by which votes must be cast.
- (c) The votes shall be counted under the direction of the University Secretary. If there is a tie, this will be resolved by drawing lots.
- (d) In accordance with Section 18.1(b)(ii) of the Statutes, the number of Professors elected to serve on the Senate by the Academic Assembly shall not exceed three at any one time.
- (e) If one or more of the vacancies is for a member to serve for less than three years, then the person with the lowest number of votes among those elected shall serve for the shortest period.
- (f) Members of Senate elected by Academic Assembly who are subsequently promoted to a Professorship be required to resign their original elected membership of Senate. A casual vacancy may be filled by the candidate with next highest number of votes, if there has been an election in the previous six months.

9.2 Appointment of Twelve Professors to serve on the Senate

The following procedure shall be adopted to elect twelve Professors to serve on Senate under the provisions of Section 18.1(b)(i) of the Statutes:

- (a) An election shall be held once in each year.

- (b) The University Secretary shall, at the appropriate time, notify all the professors who are not members of Senate ex-officio that the said election is about to be conducted and how many vacancies there are. The Professors eligible to participate in elections are those with the title of Professor who are on full-time or fractional contracts.
- (c) Any professor so notified may, by the date prescribed by the University Secretary, withdraw from the list of candidates for that year.
- (d) If the number of candidates remaining after the prescribed date does not exceed the number of vacancies, the University Secretary shall declare those candidates elected.
- (e) If the number exceeds the number of vacancies, an election shall be conducted in the following manner:
 - (i) Professors are elected for a term of three years and may be re-elected for a further three years, up to a maximum of six years.
 - (ii) The University Secretary shall declare the number of vacancies which remain to be filled and shall then conduct an election among the remaining candidates.
 - (iii) The University Secretary shall provide to all Professors eligible to vote voting instructions, the names of the Professors standing for election and the latest date by which votes must be cast. The votes shall be counted under the direction of the University Secretary.
 - (iv) Each member may vote for as many candidates as there are vacancies. When the votes have been counted, the University Secretary shall organise a second voting round including the names of the eight candidates who have received the greatest number of votes. Ties in the first ballot for eighth place shall be included in the second ballot. Each voter in the second ballot shall have as many votes as there are vacancies.
 - (v) The candidates who have received the greatest number of votes in the second ballot shall be declared elected. Ties in the second ballot shall be resolved by drawing lots.
 - (vi) In the event of a casual vacancy, the unsuccessful candidate who had the next highest number of votes in the second ballot is appointed, if there has been an election in the previous six months. If there is more than one unsuccessful candidate tied on the next highest number of votes, this will be resolved by drawing lots.

9.3 Chair of the Programmes and Partnerships Approval Committee

The Chair of the Programmes and Partnerships Approval Committee shall be an ex-officio member of Senate.

9.4 Student Members of Senate

The student members of Senate are the President, Education Officer and Postgraduate Officer of the SU and one other student elected by campus ballot.

Approved by Council
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