

Faculty Governance Committee

Report to the Faculty Senate

At our October meeting, this committee considered a resolution submitted by Professor Anderson which would amend the method by which we could process urgent submissions in a timely manner. After due consideration, it was decided that the current operating papers gave the Senate adequate flexibility in its procedures to accomplish this. We therefore submit this resolution to the whole Senate with the recommendation that it not be adopted. The relevant section of the operating paper has been attached for your reference.

With respect to the method of conducting campus-wide elections, it was pointed out that this was not a subject of the operating papers and a revision of the operating papers would not be required, as shown below:

**Special Rule of Order for the Method of
Collecting Ballots for the Spring 2009 Regular Election
of Senators to the Faculty Senate
[excerpted from the resolution FS0912
approved on February 10, 2009]**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that nomination and election ballots in the Spring 2009 regular election of senators to the Faculty Senate be collected electronically through the services provided by contract with Applied Research Consultants.

Professor Hughes has been exploring the suitability of the Blackboard system as a means of conducting the balloting.

Excerpt from Faculty Senate Operating Paper

Conduct of Meetings

- a. A majority of the elected members shall constitute a quorum.
- b. The latest version of Robert's Rules of Order shall prevail at each meeting, unless otherwise voted by a majority of the Faculty Senate.
- c. Members of a committee presenting a report to the Faculty Senate or individuals invited by the Faculty Senate president to make a presentation to the Faculty Senate shall have the privilege of full discussion relative to that agenda item.
- d. Meetings shall be open to members of all university constituencies. Meetings shall be open to others at the discretion of the president or the Executive Council or a majority of the Faculty Senate members present.
- e. Any member of the faculty may speak to the Faculty Senate on any agenda item provided that arrangements have been made with the Faculty Senate president in advance of the meeting. Such arrangements may include the stipulation of a time limit. Other visitors will be permitted to speak on the same basis at the discretion of the Faculty Senate president or a majority of the Faculty Senate members present.
- f. A policy matter shall not be voted on at the same meeting at which the matter is introduced except with the consent of a majority of the members of the Senate.
- g. Resolutions brought before the Faculty Senate for action may not be considered unless distributed to Senators at least five days prior to the meeting at which the resolution is to be presented. An exception may be made by a majority of the Faculty Senate present and voting.