



LSU A&M FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 22-08

Revision to Article VI: Election of Officers of the LSU Faculty Senate Bylaws

Sponsored by Faculty Senate Executive Committee

Whereas the Faculty Senate Executive Committee provides leadership for the Senate and consists of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, three at-large members and the Past President as an ex-officio member; and

Whereas the election of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary and two members at-large of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee occurs in the April Faculty Senate meeting; and

Whereas the election of one at-large member is carried out in the first meeting of the fall semester from the newly elected senators to the Senate; and

Whereas the orientation of the new senators generally occurs after the first fall meeting of the Senate; and

Whereas the notification of new senators is sometimes sent to the Senate by respective Colleges and Units close to the first fall Senate meeting; and

Whereas the election in April meeting is facilitated by a nomination committee and such a committee is difficult to convene before the first meeting of the fall term; and

Whereas the new senators elected to the Senate in the fall include many who are serving as senators for the first time and are thus not fully aware of the election procedures, and opportunities to become part of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee:

Therefore, be it resolved that the election of the one at-large member of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee which is carried out in the first meeting of the fall term be carried out in the second or the October meeting of the fall term, whichever occurs first, to provide a warm-up period for the new senators to avail themselves of opportunities to run for important roles in the Senate and seek election in the Faculty Senate Executive Committee; and

Therefore, be it further resolved that the Article VI (2) of the LSU Faculty Senate Bylaws, which currently reads:

All current Senators, the President, and sitting members of the FSEC are eligible to be nominated for FSEC positions. The FSEC shall appoint a nominating committee composed of four retiring members of the Senate representing four different colleges, schools, or units. The nominating committee shall report to the FSEC a slate of candidates, at least one for each Senate office, and for two at-large Executive Committee members, after ascertaining that the nominees are willing and available to serve. That slate shall be published in the Agenda for the March meeting of the Senate. At the March meeting, the President shall announce the slate and call for further nominations from the floor. Candidates' qualifications for office shall be circulated before the April meeting. At the April meeting, officers will be elected in the order: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and two at-large Executive Committee members. After each election, the floor shall be re-opened for nominations for the next office to be filled. The Agenda for the first meeting of the fall term will include the election of one newly elected senator to fill the third at-large position on the FSEC. At the first meeting, nominations will be opened, and the election held.

be revised to read:

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