

Section 2. Election of Officers: The Executive Committee of the University Faculty shall appoint a Nominating Committee of six members within the first six weeks of the fall semester prior to the spring meeting of the University Faculty. The Nominating Committee shall present two names for each of the offices of chair-elect and secretary-elect. The names of nominees shall be sent to the membership at least 21 calendar days prior to the spring meeting. Nominations for chair-elect and secretary-elect may also be made by petitions signed by at least ten faculty members. No faculty member shall sign more than one petition for the same office. Petitions presenting nominations shall be filed with the secretary not later than 14 calendar days prior to the spring meeting. The secretary will send the voting faculty instructions for casting ballots five calendar days prior to the spring meeting. The ballot will include the names of the nominees for each position. Faculty may cast votes in any of the five calendar days prior to the spring meeting. The nominee with a majority of the votes cast will be elected. The secretary and secretary-elect will certify the results of the election on the day of the spring meeting. The results will be announced at the spring meeting and the newly elected officers shall take office on July 1. Should no

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nominee receive a majority on the first ballot there shall be a run-off election during the five days following the spring meeting between the two nominees receiving the largest number of votes on the first ballot. The secretary and secretary-elect will certify the results of the run-off election on the sixth day following the spring meeting and the newly elected officer(s) shall take office on July 1.

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Section 3. Vacancies: Should a vacancy occur in either the office of chair or secretary, the chair elect or secretary-elect shall assume the duties of the vacant office. Should a vacancy occur in either the office of chair-elect or secretary-elect before January 1, the Executive Committee shall appoint a nominating committee of six members to present two names for the vacant office. These names shall be sent to the membership in advance of a special meeting of the University Faculty. An election to fill the vacant position shall then be held prior to the special meeting in accordance with the procedures spelled out in Article 3, Section 2. Should a vacancy occur after January 1 in either the office of chair-elect or secretary-elect, the vacancy shall not be filled, but the duties of the office shall be performed by a person nominated by the Senate Rules Committee and approved by the University Senate.

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Section 5. Terms of Officers: Officers shall serve one-year terms,

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