

Adopted: August 11, 1987

ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, California

Background statement:

In the spring of 1986, insufficient nominations were received to fill all the seats on the Senate for the 1986-87 school year. The Constitution and Bylaws (C&BL) Committee suggested a minor modification of the bylaws to alert the chair of the caucus of an apparent lack several days before the final date for nominations. This would have placed the burden of assuring representation upon those being represented and forego a second election during this exceptionally busy time of year. The Executive Committee, acting as the Senate during the summer of 1986 was not satisfied with the recommendation and instructed the C&BL Committee to draft language that would require a second election in the event the general election failed to provide full membership. This was accomplished through the addition of subsection (h) to Article VII.I.5.b.(2). This was accepted by the Senate in the fall.

On May 8, 1987, after another election which failed to provide full membership for the 1987-88 Senate, the Chair of the Senate, in response to a unanimous recommendation of the Executive Committee on May 5, 1987, instructed the C&BL Committee to prepare a bylaw change to replace Article VII.I.5.b.(2).(h) to permit (in the event of a failed senators' election process) the caucus to select by secret ballot the name(s) of the nominee(s) of their choice and forward same to the Executive Committee.

The C&BL Committee has discussed this and believes the essence of this change can be accomplished by deleting subsection (h) of Article VII.I.5.b.(2) or with the language below. Deletion would treat the unfilled seats as any other vacancy. The bylaws would remain silent on a sore spot. The proposed amendment appears to be out of place in Responsibilities of the Elections Committee. However, amendment of the bylaws may make the administration aware of the need to place greater emphasis on the participation in the Senate when considering Retention, Promotion, and Tenure decisions; this is to make persons more eager to serve in this vital area of collegiality.

AS-257-87/C&BC

RESOLUTION ON CHANGE IN BYLAWS
(Responsibilities of the Elections Committee)

- WHEREAS, There is a desire to have full representation on the Academic Senate; and
- WHEREAS, The full election process fails to provide effective timely representation; and
- WHEREAS, The caucus in which there is underrepresentation is effective in securing nominees over a longer period of time; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That subsection (h) of Article VII.I.5.b.(2) be changed as follows:

- VII. Committees
- I. 5. Elections Committee
- b. Responsibilities
- (2) Election of Academic Senate members and the University Professional Leave Committee.

(h) Whenever the normal election of senators' process fails to provide full membership:

(1) The caucus for the underrepresented school/PCS shall solicit nominations through direct mail contact to each faculty member in the school/PCS. Accepted nominations shall include signed statements of intent to serve from the candidates.

(2) From the list of accepted nominations, the caucus shall select by secret ballot the nominee(s) of its choice and recommend the name(s) of the selected nominee(s) to the Executive Committee for appointment.

(3) The appointed senators shall serve until the next regular election.

~~(1) -- The Elections Committee shall, within 5 school days, solicit signed nominations through direct mail contact to each faculty member in the appropriate school/PCS.~~

~~(2) -- Within 10 school days of the unfilled election, forward to the chair of the appropriate caucus chair all completed nomination forms.~~

~~(3) -- Within 15 school days the caucus of all elected senators from the school/PCS is to select by secret ballot the nominee of their choice from the signed nominations collected by the Elections Committee.~~

~~(4) -- Within 20 school days the chair of the caucus shall submit the name(s) of their selected nominee(s) to the Executive Committee.~~

~~(5) -- Selected senators shall serve until the next regular election.~~

Proposed By:

Constitution and Bylaws Committee
August 11, 1987

Memorandum

RECEIVED


SEP 10 1987

To : A. Charles Crabb, Chair
Academic Senate

Date : September 8, 1987

Academic Senate File No.:

Copies : Malcolm Wilson


From : Warren J. Baker
President

Subject : ACADEMIC SENATE RESOLUTION ON CHANGE IN BYLAWS,
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
(AS-257-87/C&BC)

This will acknowledge receipt of your memo of September 4 with which you forwarded the subject resolution as adopted by the Academic Senate on August 11. Since the proposed bylaws change deals exclusively with the internal operations of the Senate and the responsibilities of the Elections Committee, the proposed change is approved.