

UNIVERSITY SENATE  
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY  
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Introduced by: Governance Council  
Date: October 22, 2012

**Amendment RE: The Election of Council Chairs**

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:

- That the proposed amendment of the *University Senate Charter below* be adopted.
- That this amendment go into effect in the Spring 2013 election cycle.

Current Charter:

VIII.3.2. The election shall occur at an organizational meeting. An organizational meeting of each council shall be convened by the Vice Chair of the Senate or designee before September 1, but no sooner than 2 weeks after the completion of election of Senators at Large.

Proposed Revision:

VIII.3.2. The election shall occur before September 1, but no sooner than 2 weeks after the completion of election of Senators at Large. Such election shall be overseen by the Vice Chair of the Senate or designee, and may occur at an organizational meeting of the new Council where a quorum is present or, if necessary, by electronic ballot with a quorum responding.

Rationale:

Convening an organizational meeting with a quorum present during the time stipulated by the Charter is often difficult. The amendment permits the option of electing a Council Chair by electronic ballot.