UNIVERSITY SENATE
UNIVERSITY AT ALBANY
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Introduced by: Governance Council
Date: April 14, 2014

Amendment RE: Committee on Liaison and Election: Election function.

IT IS HEREBY PROPOSED THAT THE FOLLOWING BE ADOPTED:
  • That the proposed amendment to the University *Senate Charter below* be adopted.
  • That this amendment go into effect immediately following Senate approval.
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Current Charter:

X.1.4.3. Election function.

X.1.4.3.1.4. nominate a slate for the election of Senators-at-large according to *Bylaws* Article II, Sections 2.2 and 5.3 and conduct the election, to be decided by plurality vote, by mail or email ballot.

Proposed Revision:

The following change is proposed:

X.1.4.3.1.4. nominate a slate for the election of Senators-at-large according to *Bylaws* Article II, Sections 2.2 and 5.3 and conduct the election, to be decided by plurality vote. ~~by mail or email ballot.~~

Rationale:

On April 8th, 2014 Senate Chair Wagner sent an email asking the Governance Council to discuss whether an email vote would "count" in the recently conducted Senator-at-large elections. As MyUAlbany is the voting mechanism for current election and votes must be cast there and only there (as stipulated in the email sent out by the Secretary of the Senate announcing the elections), it was suggested that the Governance Council should update the language in the Charter to reflect current voting reality and consider suitable alternatives as technology continues to evolve. After discussion, the Governance Council decided it would be prudent to remove all descriptors related to technologies that are in use or that might be used in the future.