

Nominating Committee Proposals

Brought forward for notification at the Faculty Senate meeting of 2/26/02. A vote on the proposals will take place at the March meeting.

I. Proposed By-Law addition, Section VI. A. Membership:

(This would follow A.2, which describes the seven-member limit on standing committees.)

3. *When a vacancy occurs on a standing committee, the vacancy will not be filled unless the committee requests it. The committee may request of the Senate president that an election be held to fill the vacancy. The President will charge the Nominating Committee with filling the vacancy. The Nominating Committee will seek nominations and hold an election.*

II. Proposed Change in Bylaws: Section 6: Committees. B: Authority.

The proposal is that Promotion and Tenure Committee elections be changed to April, consistent with other all senate committees except for Faculty Board of Review.

This would require the deletion of the two bolded sentences below.

The Promotion and Tenure Committee

A. Composition.

The Promotion and Tenure Committee will consist of six (6) tenured faculty holding the rank of Professor or Associate Professor who have each served at least two years as faculty at Indiana University East. Membership will last for two years with continuity and rotation guaranteed by filling only the vacancies that exist at the start of each academic year. Each year three (3) tenured faculty of which at least one (1) will be of the rank of professor will be elected. The Committee must contain representatives from at least three different academic divisions of the University. ~~Slate selection of candidates will occur during the last spring meeting of the Senate.~~ These primary ballots will be tabulated by the nominating committee and the number of candidates needed who receive the highest vote count will assume positions as candidates on the general election ballot. ~~Election day will be during the first fall meeting of the Senate.~~ On election day preprinted ballots containing all of the names of the candidates will be passed out to the voting members of the Senate. Voting members are to rank each candidate in the order of their preference on this ballot. The junior faculty member elected each year shall serve as that year's alternate; seniority will be determined by time at IUE. The alternate member will have all committee rights and responsibilities except the vote, but will replace any voting member who is absent or becomes disqualified. During the second year of the alternate's term, he/she will become a voting member. If for any reason, a member is unable to fulfill his/her two-year term, the Senate will elect a replacement for the unexpired term.

III. Proposed By-Law Change in the tabulation of election ballots.

This will necessitate two changes. One change is to Section IV. A. 2.

This is the current text:

Section IV: Meetings

A. Voting

1. (no change)
2. (no change)
 - i. (no change)
 - ii. (no change)

iii. **Slate Selection:** On the "Slate Selection Date" there will be a round of primary balloting for the purpose of identifying candidates from among the nominees. The number be set at twice the number of seats that need to be filled on the committee, but in no instance may be less than four. Each voting member of the Senate shall cast a primary ballot containing all of the names of the individuals they would like to see on the ballot as candidates. These names need not be ranked in order of preference. These primary ballots will be tabulated by the nominating committee and the number of candidates needed who receive the highest vote count will assume positions as candidates on the general election ballot.

iv. **General Election Voting:** On election day preprinted ballots containing all of the names of the candidates will be passed out to the voting members of the Senate. Voting members are to rank each candidate in the order of their preference on this ballot.

v. **Tabulation of the General Election Ballots:** The nominating committee will tabulate the vote. Any ballot which fails to rank all candidates will not be counted. Any ballot containing duplicate or "O" rankings will not be counted. Each candidate must be given a different ranking or the ballot will not be counted. If there is any reasonable way to tabulate a ballot, it will be counted so long as the manner in which the ballot was marked does not have a disruptive impact on the intent and purposes of the election. Candidates receiving first choice votes will receive one vote during the vote count, those receiving a second choice vote will receive two votes and so on until all the ballots are counted. The number of candidates needed for each election receiving the lowest vote totals will be seated as the newest members on the respective committees.

The proposed changes are in bold italics:

iii. ***Slate Selection:** A list of names of faculty members eligible to serve on each committee will be made available to voting members of the Faculty Senate. Voting members will be instructed to vote for the number of candidates needed to fill each committee vacancy. Using the names receiving the highest numbers of votes, the Nominating Committee will prepare a slate for the general election that contains twice the number of candidates necessary to fill the vacancies for each committee. In no instance will this number be less than four. In the event that the last person to be selected as a candidate has the same number of votes as one or more other persons, all of those individuals shall be listed on the general election ballot.*

iv. **General Election Voting: On election day preprinted ballots, containing the names of the candidates selected during the slate selection process, will be passed out to the voting members of the Senate. Voting members will vote for the number of candidates necessary to fill each vacancy.**

v. **Tabulation of the General Election Ballots: The nominating committee will tabulate the vote and report the results of the election to the President of the Faculty Senate. All vote tallies will be archived by the Faculty Senate Secretary and will be available for review by any Senate member who wishes to see them.**

The second change necessitated by approval of this proposal is to the Promotion and Tenure Committee statement, Section 6 B.

The necessary deletions are marked in bold:

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