



---

DESIGNATION CODE: 2013-14 BEC 8 revised  
DATE SUBMITTED: November 26, 2013

**TO:** The Academic Senate  
**FROM:** The Executive Committee of the Academic Senate  
**SUBJECT:** Uniformity of College Elections  
**PURPOSE:** Approval of the Senate and, if approved, information to the President

**ACTION REQUESTED:**

That the Academic Senate approve the following policy pursuant to College elections, which include the University Library, as per Article XVI, Section 2 of the University Bylaws.

The Executive Committee shall establish an election timeline for all regular Senate offices, including college seats. This timeline shall separate the (Winter) at-large election from the (Spring) College elections, as directed by the Faculty Bylaws (Article VII, Section 3). The College Faculties will retain responsibility for soliciting nominations and the development of the ballot pertaining to College representatives and proposals. The Executive Committee will be charged with ensuring candidates on the ballots are eligible for the office for which they are running. By default, the ballots will be distributed by the Office of the Academic Senate to the appropriate College faculty only; College election committees may “opt-out” of the balloting, provided they adhere to the deadlines specified by the Bylaws.

**BACKGROUND:**

In the Spring, 2013 elections, one college did not meet the May 15 deadline for balloting and another college violated the Bylaws by allowing a faculty member to be elected to two standing committees. The University Faculty benefits by having uniformity of College elections and having the Senate Office distribute and receive the ballots allows University-wide elections (such as Constitution and Bylaws changes) to occur on the same ballot as College elections. Additionally, the Senate Office subscribes to an online ballot service, ensuring uniformity of method between the Colleges.