TO: The Executive Committee  
FROM: Liz Ginno, Chair, Faculty Affairs Committee  
SUBJECT: 13-14 FAC 8: Response to Elections Committee referral  

BACKGROUND:  
At its meeting of February 19, 2014, FAC members discussed a referral regarding the idea of creating a FAC subcommittee to manage University-wide elections. After reviewing the University’s Constitution & Bylaws, and discussing the pros and cons of another committee to fill, FAC members unanimously agreed that the Academic Senate need only follow its own election procedures as written in the articles of the Bylaws pertaining to University-wide elections. In Article VI, Section 3, of the University bylaws, the document clearly states that the election and ensuing procedures are the purview of the Executive Committee of the Academic Senate.

FAC members recognized that the Academic Senate has had procedural issues within the past year; high staff turnover and leaves of absence have recently made running the elections more difficult than usual. An allowance for the steep learning curve of understanding and processing elections should be granted now, and if election-related issues continue, it is FAC’s opinion that the Executive Committee may then wish to revisit the idea of creating a separate elections committee.

ACTION REQUESTED:  
That the Executive Committee accept FAC’s suggestion that the Academic Senate continues to follow the process detailed in the University Bylaws that govern Academic Senate elections.