

Motion to amend language on Chapter II F. Article V. Nominations and Elections Section 1. Nominating Committee c. Procedures for Conducting Elections with the purpose of allowing election by general consent in cases where the number of candidates running is equal to, or lesser than, the number of positions.

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Current Language

The Nominating Committee shall prepare and submit at the March faculty meeting of each year, a list of qualified candidates for the Promotion and Tenure Committee, the Faculty Development Committee, Hearing Committee, Nominating Committee, Faculty Representatives to the Board of Trustees, University Speakers Committee, University Council for Diversity, Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee, Assessment Committee, and such other elected bodies as may exist or be created. The Nominating Committee shall make a reasonable, good faith effort, as detailed in Chapter III.B.6, to seek 1.5 nominations for each open position. **A plurality is sufficient to elect candidates to committees or offices.** Nominations also may be made from the floor by any faculty member, with the prior approval of the person being so nominated. **When a vacancy occurs on any of the elected committees or positions under the jurisdiction of the Nominating Committee, the committee may conduct nominations and a special election to fill such vacancy. Elections to committees and office may be conducted by electronic ballot.**

Proposed language

The Nominating Committee shall prepare and submit at the March faculty meeting of each year a list of qualified candidates for the Promotion and Tenure Committee, the Faculty Development Committee, Hearing Committee, Nominating Committee, Faculty Representatives to the Board of Trustees, University Speakers Committee, University Council for Diversity, Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee, Assessment Committee, and such other elected bodies as may exist or be created. The Nominating Committee shall make a reasonable, good faith effort, as detailed in Chapter III.B.6, to seek 1.5 nominations for each open position. Nominations also may be made from the floor by any faculty member, with the prior approval of the person being so nominated.

Elections to committees and offices may be conducted by electronic ballot. Ballots, whether paper or electronic, shall include the option of voting for write-in candidates. A plurality is sufficient to elect candidates to committees or offices. If an election is conducted at a faculty meeting and the number of candidates is equal to or less than the number of positions to be

filled, the presiding officer may request that the candidates be elected by general consent. If there is an objection, the election must proceed by ballot.

When a vacancy occurs on any of the elected committees or positions under its jurisdiction, the Nominating Committee ~~may conduct nominations and~~ **shall conduct** a special election to fill ~~such~~ **the** vacancy.