

Stephen F. Austin State University

SFASU Faculty Senate

Election of Officers:

**A Proposed Amendment to the SFASU Faculty Senate Standing Rules
Passed, May 13, 1998, Faculty Senate Meeting, #275**

Nominating Committee

Jimmi Fischer Rushing, Chair

March 11, 1998

The following changes are recommended by the Nominating Committee to Section II of the Standing Rules of the Faculty Senate. The changes are required so that the process conforms to the Senate Constitution and are more clearly stated.

**Standing Rules of the Faculty Senate
STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY
(Revised June, 1996)**

Current:

II. Election of Officers

A. A Nominating Committee for the officers of the Faculty Senate shall be composed of all outgoing senators, and shall be constituted at the Faculty Senate meeting in March and submit their nominations for the officers at the meeting in April.

B. The nominee for Chairperson shall have served on the Faculty Senate for at least two years. The nominees for the offices of Chair-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer shall have served on the Faculty Senate for at least one year.

C. All eligible senators shall be contacted by the Nominating Committee to determine their willingness to serve if nominated and elected.

D. The Nominating Committee shall submit two names for each office. Additional nominations from the floor shall be allowed.

E. The voting shall be conducted by a secret written ballot prepared by the Secretary of the Faculty Senate. The candidate who receives the majority of votes for an office shall be declared elected to fill that office.

Proposed Revisions:

Changes in italics only were suggested at the April 8 meeting.

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A. A Nominating Committee for the officers of the Faculty Senate shall be composed of all outgoing senators, and shall be constituted at the Faculty Senate meeting in March and submit their nominations for the officers at the meeting in April.

B. The nominees for Chairperson, if needed, shall have served on the Faculty Senate for at least two years of the current term. ***The nominees for Chair-Elect shall be selected from among the second-year senators.*** The nominees for the offices of ~~[omit: Chair-~~

Elect,] Secretary and Treasurer shall have served on the Faculty Senate for at least one year.

C. Prior to the first meeting of the Nominating Committee, all eligible senators shall be contacted by the Nominating Committee to determine their willingness to serve if nominated and elected.

D. The Nominating Committee shall submit two names for each office to be presented at the April meeting. **[omit: Additional nominations from the floor shall be allowed.]**

E. Elections for officers shall take place at the May meeting after all incoming senators have been seated. Additional nominations from the floor shall be allowed. The voting shall be conducted by a secret written ballot prepared by the Secretary of the Faculty Senate. The candidate who receives the majority of votes for an office shall be declared elected to fill that office. **If no one has a majority of the votes cast, run offs will be held immediately between the candidates having the two highest pluralities until one person has a majority of the votes.**