

Motion presented to Faculty Senate 5/10/11
Change to nominating procedure for Faculty Senate Executive Committee

By laws review committee proposed changes to Bylaws Art. III Title B. 6. (a), which currently reads:

Each constituency shall nominate candidates from the constituency to a number at least twice as many as the constituency's membership on the Executive Committee. Nominating petitions must be signed by 10 percent of the constituency, or 15 constituents, whichever number is smaller.

Change that to (changes in **bold**):

Each constituency shall nominate candidates from the constituency to a number at least twice as many as the constituency's membership on the Executive Committee.
Nominating petitions must be signed by a minimum of 5 constituents.

Explanation:

It is the consensus of the by laws review committee that the process for nominating candidates to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee should be simplified, specifically, with a view to increasing the number of nominating petitions received for the Executive Committee elections thus avoiding the “plan B” expedient outlined in the Bylaws: direct recruitment and increasing the number of elections with more than one candidate per position. Under the current setup, this can best be done by requiring no more than 5 signatures on a nominating petition for a given individual, period.