

TO: The Senate

FROM: The Rules Committee

DATE: January 30, 1989

SUBJECT: Nomination and Election of Senators, 1989

DISPOSITION: To the Presiding Officer for Implementation

Whereas, The Constitution of the Faculty as approved by the Senate and by the Faculty reads in part:

Article VII, Section A, Part 5.

Nomination and Election. /senate-dev.Methods of nomination and election, and of filling seats vacated before the end of a term, shall be proposed and implemented by the Voting Faculty of those units according to methods consistent with generally accepted principles of democratic representation. These methods must be defined in the documents which define the protocols of faculty governance within each unit; and the protocols must be approved by the Senate by simple majority vote, and shall be periodically published, simultaneously with the Bylaws of the Senate, as and when the Bylaws are distributed. and

Whereas, The implementation of this provision in time for the 1989 elections of Senators may be difficult for some Schools unless the Senate provides guidance;

Resolved, That any School, for which nomination and election procedures have not been approved by the Senate in time for the 1989 election of Senators, may select--by proposal from and approval by its Voting Faculty--procedures which are consistent with generally accepted principles of democratic representation and which fit any one of the following descriptions (subject to constraints established by the Constitution and by the structure of the School) for the 1989 election of Senators.

1. **AT-LARGE WITHIN THE SCHOOL.** All vacant elective seats apportioned to the School shall be filled by at-large nomination and election.
2. **PROPORTIONAL APPORTIONMENT WITHIN THE SCHOOL.** The seats apportioned to the School by the Senate shall be apportioned among units (which will usually be departments) within the School according to the numbers of Voting Faculty assigned to each unit. Nomination and election will then be conducted within each unit to which vacant seats are apportioned. A department with fewer than six Voting Faculty may combine with another department with fewer than six Voting Faculty by mutual agreement for the sake of forming an apportionment unit. No apportionment unit may contain more than two departments except by approval of the Voting Faculty of the School.
3. **DEPARTMENTAL and AT-LARGE WITHIN THE SCHOOL.** Schools in which Voting Faculty outnumber departments by substantially more than six-fold may apportion one seat to each department (with vacant seats to be filled by nomination and election

within a department) and fill the rest of the vacant seats by at- large nomination and election within the School.

4. **METHODS APPROVED FOR USE BY A COMPARABLE SCHOOL.** A school may use a method which has been approved by the Senate for use by another School of comparable population and structure.