

## **Connecticut State University System**

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**BR# 10-34** 

#### RESOLUTION

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# ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

April 8, 2010

- WHEREAS, Board Resolution 08-41 sets forth procedures for the election of persons to the Standing Advisory Committee to the Board of Governors Higher Education pursuant to Section 10a-3 of the Connecticut General Statutes, and
- WHEREAS, A recent review of the procedures for the election of persons to the Standing Advisory Committee to the Board of Governors for Higher Education has revealed that an amendment is necessary to allow for compliance with Board Policy in the event there is only one declared candidate for an open position on the Advisory Committee; therefore be it
- RESOLVED, That Board of Trustees for the Connecticut State University System hereby rescinds Board Resolution 08-41 and adopts the attached Election Procedure Guidelines for Representatives to serve on the Standing Advisory Committee to the Board of Governors as revised.

A Certified True Copy:

David G. Carter

Chancellor

# ELECTION PROCEDURE GUIDELINES FOR REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE ON THE STANDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

April 8, 2010

#### PART I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

All elections or appointments of representatives of Trustees, Faculty and Administrators shall be held during the month of February each years, the persons so elected or appointed shall take office on the following November 1 and shall serve for two years.

Elections for student representatives and terms of office shall be specified in Part IV.

#### PART II - REPRESENTATIVES CHOSEN BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall appoint one trustee to serve on the Committee and another to serve as alternate. The Chairman shall make or renew such appointments biannually in February.

### PART III - REPRESENTATIVE CHOSEN BY THE FACULTY

There shall be a Faculty Elections Commission composed of two persons selected by the Council of the Connecticut State University's Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (hereafter termed AAUP), and one person selected by the Executive Board of the State University Organization of Administrative Faculty, AFSCME, Council 4, Local 2836 (hereafter termed SUOAF).

The Faculty Elections Commission shall meet at the joint call of the President of the AAUP and the President of SUOAF and shall elect its own chairperson. The Faculty Elections Commission shall convene annually for the purposes of conducting the annual election for either the Committee Member or the Alternate depending on which position's alternating term is concluding the following November.

The Faculty Elections Commission shall nominate not more than four persons for election as Committee Member or Alternate, the said nominees to be selected from among the members of AAUP and SUOAF.

When there is more than one nominee for the applicable position, the Faculty Elections Commission shall conduct an annual election amongst the unit members and of the AAUP and SUOAF to choose a person as Committee Member or Alternate. If the Faculty Elections Commission indicates that only one individual has been identified as a nominee for a vacant position, the Commission may elect to forgo the formal election and designate the lone nominee as the representative. If there is only one nominee and the Commission does not elect to designate the sole nominee as the representative, an annual election must be conducted among the unit members and of the AAUP and SUOAF to choose a person as Committee Member of Alternate and that election shall provide for write-in candidates.

The person with the greatest number of votes shall be declared elected to the position of Committee Member or Alternate depending on the purpose of the election. However, if there be a tie for election as Committee Member or Alternate, the Faculty Elections Commission shall conduct a run-off election to determine who shall be the Committee Member or the Alternate.

The Committee Member and Alternate shall serve two year terms that are not coterminous. The Committee Member shall be elected in the odd numbered years and the Alternate in the even number years. The Committee Member and Alternate cannot be from the same university. The Committee Member and Alternate may serve one two-year term and may not stand for reelection. The Committee Member and Alternate may serve non-consecutive terms if elected by the faculty and staff participating in said election. If there is a vacancy in either position, the Faculty Elections Commission shall conduct a special election within sixty (60) days. The individual elected in a special election shall serve the unexpired term remaining and may stand for election at the next regularly scheduled election and serve in said position for a full two-year term. In no case shall both the Committee Member and Alternate be from the same bargaining unit.

The Committee Member and Alternate serving in such capacities upon the implementation of this procedure are not eligible to stand for reelection. In 2009, the Committee shall be elected. In 2008, an election shall be held for the Alternate.

#### PART IV - REPRESENTATIVE CHOSEN BY THE STUDENTS

The Committee Member and Alternate chosen to represent the students shall each serve for a term of one year from November 1 to October 31, except that for 1999 the term shall be from March 1, 1999 to October 31.

The Presidents of Student Government Associations, because of the heavy time commitments of their offices, shall not be eligible to serve as Committee Members or Alternate.

Nominations for Committee Member and Alternate shall be requested from different campuses, with nominations for Committee Member coming from only one campus per year and nominations for Alternate coming from only one campus per year.

Nominations for Committee Member shall be requested from the campuses in reverse alphabetical order beginning with Western, i.e., Western, Southern, Eastern, and Central, and nominations for Alternate shall be requested from the next campuses in reverse alphabetical order beginning with Southern, i.e., Southern, Eastern, Central, and Western.

Persons shall be nominated for Member and persons shall be nominated for Alternate by the Student Government Association Presidents of the two appropriate campuses as specified above.

The Student Advisory Board of the Board of Trustees shall elect one Committee Member and one Alternate from among those nominated by the Student Government presidents. The elections shall be held in the spring of each year.

#### PART V- REPRESENTATIVE CHOSEN BY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

The Chancellor shall designate a member of the Connecticut State University System Office staff to serve on the Standing Advisory Committee to the Board of Governors, and the University Presidents shall select one member from the Universities' Management Team to serve as the alternate member on the Standing Advisory Committee to the Board of Governors.