Background: The office of Academic Senate Chair is elected annually with the average length of service being two years. Since each new Chair comes to the position untrained and unsuspecting, this resolution recommends the election of officers take place in winter quarter so spring quarter can be used as a period of orientation to the duties, responsibilities, and requirements of the position before officially taking office. Therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That Articles m.B and IV.C of the Bylaws of the Academic Senate be modified as follows:

m. ELECTION PROCEDURES

Elections shall be held for membership to the Academic Senate, Senate offices, statewide Academic Senate, Grants Review Committee, appropriate recall elections for the preceding as per Section IX of these Bylaws, and ad hoc committees created to search for such university positions as president, provost, vice presidents, college deans, and similar type administrative positions.

B. ELECTION CALENDAR

1. At the first January meeting of the Senate, impending vacancies in the faculty positions shall be announced: (a) campus Academic Senate according to the full time equivalent faculty positions; (b) statewide Academic Senate as determined by the Human Resources office; and (c) Grants Review Committee. At the same time, each caucus chair shall be notified in writing of its vacancies.

2. By Friday of the following week, each caucus chair shall notify the Senate office, in writing, of any discrepancies in the number of vacancies in its constituency.

Accepted nominations shall include a signed statement of intent to serve.
Elections of senators shall be conducted during the last week of February. Any runoff elections, if needed, shall be conducted during the following week. At the first Senate meeting in February, the names of all nominees, the dates of the elections (including a runoff, if necessary), and the time and place at which ballots will be counted shall be reported.

Election of Senate officers:

(a) at the April Senate meeting of the Senate shall be solicited for the offices of chair, vice chair, and secretary of the Senate.

(b) a petition of nomination signed by three senators which includes a consent to serve statement signed by the nominee shall be received by the Senate office. Such petitions shall be due at the Senate office one week before the last regularly scheduled Senate meeting of the Senate winter quarter. The names of the eligible nominees shall be announced in the agenda for the last regularly scheduled Senate meeting of the Senate winter quarter.

(c) nominations for other eligible candidates will be received from the floor of the Senate provided that (1) at least two senators second the nominations, and (2) the nominee is present and agrees to serve if elected.

(d) the vice chair of the Senate shall conduct the election of Senate officers at the regular May Senate meeting of the Senate winter quarter. Officers shall be elected one at a time: first the chair, then the vice chair, and finally the secretary.

(e) in the event of a vacancy in the offices of the Senate, an election will be conducted at the next meeting of the Senate to fill the unexpired term. Nominations shall be made from the floor of the Senate in compliance with subsection (c) above.

IV. OFFICERS

C. TERMS OF OFFICE

Each officer shall be elected by the voting members of the Senate for a one-year term. These elections shall be held in March at the last regularly scheduled Senate meeting of the Senate winter quarter and terms of office shall begin with the start of the summer quarter. The only limitations to the number of terms that a senator may hold office are the eligibility requirements in Article II A of these Bylaws and the terms of office restrictions in Article II B of these Bylaws.

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I acknowledge receipt of the above-entitled Academic Senate Resolution.