Background statement: During the 1986 election cycle, fewer nominations for Academic Senate positions were received than the number of openings to be filled. The Chair of the Senate was concerned since the Senate requires full membership to be an accurate authoritative voice of the faculty. The Constitution and Bylaws Committee proposed an amendment to the Bylaws which placed the burden of assurance of representation on the faculty to be represented before the annual election. The Chair felt this did not insure participation from all faculty. The Executive Committee on June 10, and sitting as the Academic Senate on July 8, requested the Constitution and Bylaws Committee to prepare bylaw changes to provide for unfilled vacancies after an election. The five specifications are included in the resolution.

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**RESOLUTION ON RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, There is a desire to have full representation on the Academic Senate; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That subsection (h) be added to Article VII.I.5.b.(2):

VII. Committees
I. 5. Elections Committee
   b. Responsibilities
      (2) Election of Academic Senate members and the University Professional Leave Committee.
      (h) Whenever the election of senators' process fails to provide full membership:
         (1) The Elections Committee shall, within 5 school days, solicit signed nominations through direct mail contact to each faculty member in the appropriate school/PCS.
         (2) Within 10 school days of the unfilled election, forward to the chair of the appropriate caucus all completed nomination forms.
         (3) Within 15 school days, the caucus of all elected senators from the school/PCS is to select by secret ballot the nominee of their choice from the signed nominations collected by the Elections Committee.
         (4) Within 20 school days, the chair of the caucus shall submit the name(s) of their selected nominee(s) to the Executive Committee.
         (5) Selected senators shall serve until the next regular election.

Proposed By:
Constitution and Bylaws Committee
November 5, 1986
Memorandum

Lloyd Lamouria, Chair
Academic Senate

From: Warren J. Baker
President

Subject: RESOLUTION ON RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE (AS-236-87/CBC)

This will acknowledge receipt of your January 20 memo with which you transmitted the Academic Senate resolution recommending modification in the responsibilities of the Elections Committee of the Academic Senate. My understanding is that this deals with the internal operations of the Academic Senate and appears to be appropriate. The resolution has my approval.