

Senate Procedure (draft)
Senate Elections - Staggered Senate Seats

The Faculty Senate shall adopt regulations governing the conduct of elections, the filling of vacancies, and the recall of representatives from constituencies. – Article II Section 3.C.2.c

Applies to:

Colleges with more than one seat on the Faculty Senate.

Background:

Senate term expirations for a single college can become un-staggered due to the timing of vacancy appointments and changes to the number of Senate seats per college resulting from the gain or loss of faculty. (see page 3 for example)

- Colleges are assigned a Senator for every 30 fully-affiliated faculty members or fraction thereof
- Senators are elected for two-year terms with approximately one-half of the representatives in each constituency being elected each year.
- Vacancy appointments “serve until the next election” regardless of the remaining term of the Senator being replaced.

Procedure:

In the event that ~~all seats from a particular college~~ does not have approximately half of its seats being elected in a given year, the college Senators will be asked to vote to:

1. remain un-staggered, OR
2. put the question to adopt the Modified Term Procedures on the election ballot. A plurality of votes is required to adopt the procedures. (example on pg 2)

Alternatively, at any time a Senator may volunteer to serve a shortened term in order to allow approximately one-half of their college’s seats to become eligible for election~~re-stagger~~. This would not affect the Senator’s ability to run for re-election in the next Senate election.

Modified Term Procedure

In the event that the modified term procedure is approved by a plurality of college Senators~~all seats from a particular college expire in the same year~~, approximately half of the available seats will be assigned a 1-year term based on the table below. Seats with 2-year terms will be offered to candidates in order of votes received until those seats have been filled. In the event that a 2-year term is vacated during its first year, the 1-year term seats will be given the option, in order of votes received, to complete the 2-year term prior to any vacancy appointments from the runner-up pool.

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2	1	1
3	2	1
4	2	2
5	3	2

Example ballot question:

The Faculty Constitution calls for approximately one-half of a college’s Senate seats to be up for election each year. However, term expirations can become un-staggered over time due to the timing of vacancy appointments and changes to the number of Senate seats per college resulting from the gain or loss of faculty.

The term expirations for <COLLEGE> are currently un-staggered and the current <COLLEGE> Senators have voted to ask <COLLEGE> faculty voters to consider adopting the following modified term procedure for this election.

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- A plurality of votes is required to adopt the procedures.
- If measure passes, it will apply to this election only.
- If the measure fails then all successful candidates will serve a 2-year term and the term expirations will remain un-staggered until the next vacancy appointment or election.

CECS Senate Seat History 2015-Present

2015-16

- Caroline Cao (2016)
- Travis Doom (2017)
- Fred Garber (2016)

Spring 2016 elections

Fourth Senate seat gained by exceeding 90 fully-affiliated faculty

Successful candidates: Rizki, Emmert, Garber

2016-17 (start)

- Mateen Rizki (2018)
- Marty Emmert (2018)
- Fred Garber (2018)
- Travis Doom (2017)

2016-17 - Fall

Special election for Faculty VP: Travis Doom replaced Doug Petkie

Mike Raymer given vacancy appointment as top runner-up.

2016-17 – Spring

- Mateen Rizki (2018) (EC)
- Marty Emmert (2018)
- Fred Garber (2018)
- Michael Raymer (2017)

Spring 2017 elections

Senate seats adjusted from four to three due to fully-affiliated faculty count dropping below 90. Mike Raymer's term expires, no elections held.

2017-18

- Mateen Rizki (2018) (EC)
- Marty Emmert (2018)
- Fred Garber (2018)