Election Procedures 2023 Resolution

1. Schedule

April 3 – April 14 = Nominations Open via Qualtrics Form

April 17 – April 28 = Governance and Membership Committee Confirms Interest and Gathers Statements

May 3 – May 12 = Elections Open via Anonymous Qualtrics Form

May 18 = Announce Winners at Senate Meeting

June 15 = New Senators Take Roles & Officer Voting Takes Place

1. Open Seats

5 Senators have terms ending in 2023. 2 are in seats originally elected as Classified Senators. 3 are in seats originally elected as unclassified Senators. Total staff numbers at WSU have not changed significantly to warrant adjusting the current ratio of Senators. In order to maintain current membership numbers, 2 seats will be open for Classified Staff and 3 seats will be open for Unclassified Staff. Should either classification not have enough nominees, then the additional seat will be filled by the other classification.

1. Tie-Breaking Procedures

In the event of a tie, no less than 3 members of the Executive Committee, to include the Senate Chair and the Parliamentarian (Chair of Governance and Membership Committee) shall determine a suitable randomized selection process. An example would be a coin flip (real or computer simulated), though this would be modified or adjusted in the event of a three (or more) way tie. The winner assumes the seat. The one or more other individuals remain in position for any future open seats, with any remaining ties to be resolved again at that time.

1. Officer Elections

Elections for officers take place at the June meeting. Nominations are taken and accepted publicly during the meeting, through chat or via microphone. Voting takes place via anonymous online survey mechanism organized by the Governance and Membership Committee. Elected Officers assume positions immediately.