ARTICLE 4

SENATORIAL ELECTIONS, EXPULSION, AND RECALL

4.1 Subject to the provisions of Article 3 defining the eligibility of members and the provisions of this Article, each college, school, or other units of the University is responsible for providing a Plan of Organization that will ensure the timely nomination and election of faculty, staff and student senators. These plans shall have provisions to promote equitable representation.

4.2 The appropriate Senate committee shall supervise all senatorial elections and referenda to ensure that procedures for nomination and election, as well as standards of eligibility, are consistent with the Senate's Plan of Organization. The Senate is the ultimate judge of the eligibility of any elected senator, and may reject the choice of any constituency group.

4.3 Election of Faculty Senators:

4.3.a Each college or school shall form an election committee to conduct elections of faculty senators in accordance with the Plan of Organization of that college or school, and in accordance with the policies established by the Senate. Every department or equivalent academic unit shall have the right to submit nominations for the election of faculty members to the college or school's election committee.

4.3.b Faculty who are not in schools or colleges shall form an election committee to conduct elections of faculty senators in accordance with Senate guidelines. Every member shall have the right to submit nominations for the election of faculty members to the election committee.

4.4 Election of Staff Senators:

Nominees for one or more staff senators shall be solicited by the Office of the Senate from the categories provided for in Article 3.3.a and in the Bylaws in cooperation with the appropriate Senate committee and the Director of Personnel Services. Procedures for elections shall be as outlined below.

4.4.a Nominations:

Both the nominator and nominee shall be members of the same staff category for which representation is sought.

4.4.b Ballots:
The Office of the Senate, in cooperation with the Director of Personnel Services and the members of each of the categories, shall prepare and distribute ballots to each staff member.

4.4.c Voting:

Staff members may vote only in their own category as provided for in Article 3.3.a and the Bylaws.

4.5 Election of Undergraduate Student Senators:

Undergraduate student senators shall be nominated and elected according to the Plan of Organization of their colleges or schools. Students in programs administered by the Dean for Undergraduate Studies may seek election or vote through the Office of Undergraduate Studies, if they are not already associated with a college or school.

4.6 Election of Graduate Student Senators:

Graduate student senators shall be nominated and elected in the manner described in Article 3.4.b.

4.7 No committee of the Senate which is responsible for the supervision of senatorial elections shall itself make or require specific nominations for election to the Senate.

4.8 All elections shall be completed by a date stipulated in the Bylaws. On a date specified by the appropriate Senate committee, the certified election results shall be reported by the committee to the Executive Secretary of the Senate.

4.9 In the event of a vacancy in the Senate, the Executive Committee, acting in consultation with the appropriate constituency, shall appoint a senator from the constituency to complete the term.

4.10 Every elected senator shall be subject to expulsion.

4.10.a Grounds for expulsion include failure to attend two consecutive regular sessions of the Senate for which excused absences were not granted in advance by the Office of the Senate.

4.10.b Initiation of expulsion procedures shall require a petition agreed to by two-thirds of the Elections, Representation, and Governance committee members present and voting or by ten percent of the electorate from the college, school or other unit that elected the senator or a minimum of two (2) persons from the electorate, whichever is greater.
4.10.c Any petition for expulsion must contain specific written charges. The petition must be delivered to the Chair of the Executive Committee of the Senate who shall inform the senator concerned of the charges. The senator shall be allowed to respond to all charges at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Executive Committee. A majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee present and voting is required to place an Expulsion Order on the agenda.

4.10.d A vote on the Expulsion Order shall be held during the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Senate. A two-thirds vote of all elected senators present and voting is required to expel the senator.

4.10.e Any vacancy resulting from provisions in Article 4.10 shall be filled in accordance with provisions in Article 4.9.

4.11 Every elected senator shall be subject to recall.

4.11.a Recall proceedings may be initiated against any elected senator for dereliction of duty or malfeasance.

4.11.b Initiation of recall proceedings shall require a petition signed by ten percent of the electorate from the college, school, or other unit that elected the senator, or a minimum of two (2) persons from the electorate, whichever is greater.

4.11.c Any petition for recall must contain specific charges. The petition must be delivered to the Chair of the Senate who shall inform the senator concerned of the charges. The senator shall be allowed to respond to all charges at a special meeting of the appropriate Senate committee to be called by the Chair within ten working days of receipt of a valid petition.

4.11.d Articles of Recall will require the approval of a majority of the appropriate Senate committee.

4.11.e Following adoption of the Articles of Recall, a special recall election shall be held by the appropriate voting unit. A two-thirds vote of those members of the electorate voting is required to recall the senator.

4.11.f Any vacancy resulting from provisions in Article 4.11 shall be filled in accordance with provisions in Article 4.9.