

**COMMITTEE ON RULES, JURISDICTION AND ELECTIONS
Amendment to Bylaw 11: Elections**

To the Academic Senate, Santa Cruz Division:

The Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction and Elections (CRJE) is proposing changes to Santa Cruz Division Bylaw (SCB) Chapter 11, in order to make the procedure for elections and balloting clearer.

The first change is to allow secret votes to be held in Divisional Senate meetings, as has been a long-standing practice of the Santa Cruz Division. The existing language of SCB 11.1 would imply that such votes are not permitted, since a ballot vote can only be conducted by mail, and as per Sturgis all secret votes are ballot votes.

The second change is to provide some flexibility in the deadline for nominating petitions. Under Academic Senate Bylaws 340.A-B which SCB Chapter 11 refers to, this deadline must be exactly fourteen days from the Notice of Election. A deadline of “no less than fourteen and no more than twenty eight calendar days” will ensure that sufficient time is given to file nominations while allowing for situations when a slightly longer deadline is more practical.

The third change is to deal with a situation the Bylaws do not address at present, and which occurred this year: when the number of nominees is less than the number of vacancies. In such a situation, one could a) declare the nominees elected and hold a new election for the remaining vacancies b) declare the nominees elected and treat the remaining vacancies as mid-year vacancies to be filled by appointment or c) extend the deadline for nominating petitions. To avoid controversy, CRJE feels that the bylaws should clearly specify the procedure to be followed; following the recommendation of the Senate Executive Committee and Committee on Committees, we have chosen the second option.

Current wording

Proposed wording

Chapter 11. Elections	Chapter 11. Elections
<p>11.1 All elections and all balloting in the Santa Cruz Division are by mail and are conducted by the Secretary under the direction of the Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction, and Elections in accordance with SB 340A-B.</p>	<p>11.1 All elections and all balloting in the Santa Cruz Division are <u>is either</u> by mail and are conducted by the Secretary under the direction of the Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction, and Elections in accordance with SB 340A-B. <u>or, if arising from a motion in a meeting of the Divisional Senate, conducted in the meeting.</u></p>
<p>11.2 The Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction,</p>	<p><u>11.2 All elections in the Santa Cruz Division are by mail and are conducted by the Secretary under the direction of the Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction and Elections in accordance with SB 340A-B.</u></p> <p>11.23 Unchanged.</p>

<p>and Elections determines the dates on which Divisional elections should be held, counts or appoints tellers to count the ballots, and certifies the results to the Chair of the Santa Cruz Division.</p> <p>11.3 Each nominating petition for an office must be signed by five voting members and must contain certification of acceptance by the nominee or nominees. Each nominating petition may include as many nominees as there are places to be filled.</p> <p>11.4 A voter may cast one and only one vote for each place to be filled in an election. Candidates receiving the highest plurality of votes cast are elected. If there is a tie vote for the last place to be filled, the selection shall be by lot, conducted by the Secretary.</p>	<p><u>11.34 Nominating petitions shall be filed with the Secretary by the deadline specified in the Notice of Election, which will be no less than fourteen and no more than twenty eight calendar days following the mailing or electronic distribution of the Notice.</u> Each nominating petition for an office must be signed by five voting members and must contain certification of acceptance by the nominee or nominees. Each nominating petition may include as many nominees as there are places to be filled.</p> <p><u>If the number of nominees is equal to the number of places to be filled, all the nominees will be declared elected. If the number of nominees is less than the number of places to be filled, all the nominees will be declared elected and the remaining vacancies remaining will be treated as mid-year vacancies to be filled in accordance with SCB 13.14.2.</u></p> <p>11.45 Unchanged.</p>
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Respectfully submitted;
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