

## **Article 5: Elections**

### *Rationale:*

*Introducing the ability to conduct a Spring By-election, if necessary. This would help mitigate any potential risk to the Association if not all three Executive offices are filled by May 1.*

- 5.1 The General Election shall be held ~~no later than March 30 for~~ to fill Council and Executive Council positions, for the term starting May 1 of the upcoming fiscal year. Nominations shall be open for a period of at least 7 days, and the General Election shall be held no later than March 15.
  - 5.1.1. ~~Nominations for the General Election shall open no later than February 1.~~
- 5.2 If necessary, a By-Election may be held ~~no later than November 30 for vacancies in the following Executive Council positions:~~  
~~Vice President Academic~~  
~~Vice President External~~
  - 5.2.1. ~~Nominations for the By-Election shall open on no later than November 15.~~
- 5.2 If the number of Council positions elected through the General Election process does not satisfy quorum requirements between May 1 and September 30, the position(s) shall be filled as per policy.
- 5.3 A Spring By-election shall be held if any Executive Council positions are not filled through the General Election process. Nominations shall be open for a period of at least 7 days, and the Spring By-election shall be held no later than April 15.
- 5.4 A Fall By-election shall be held if the office of Vice President Academic or Vice President External becomes vacant before September 30. Nominations shall be open for a period of at least 7 days, and the Fall By-election shall be held no later than October 31.
- 5.3 ~~Insufficient nominations and vacancies for either Executive Council or Council shall be filled as per policy.~~

## **Article 7: Executive Council**

### *Rationale:*

*Introducing the ability to conduct a Spring By-election.*

*Changing dates related to Executive Council vacancies.*

*Clarifying Executive Terms in Office.*

### 7.1 Executive Council Composition

Executive Council shall consist of:

President (Voting)

Vice President Academic (Voting)

Vice President External (Voting)

Executive Director (Ex-Officio)

### 7.2 Term of Office

7.2.1 The President, Vice President Academic and Vice President External are elected for a one-year **full** term beginning May 1 of each year, **through the General Election or a Spring By-election.**

**7.2.2 The Vice President Academic and Vice President External may be elected for a partial term through a Fall By-election.**

7.2.2 The Executive Director is a full-time employee of the Association and shall remain an Officer of the Association for the duration of their employment.

### 7.3 Executive Term Limits:

**Members of Executive Council may sit for a maximum of 2 consecutive terms (full or partial).**

**If four years have elapsed since serving their last elected term, any eligible Member may let their name stand as a candidate for the office of President, Vice President Academic, or Vice President External.**

### 7.3 Executive Transfer of Power

7.3.1 At the last Executive meeting of the fiscal year, Executive Council shall appoint the incoming Executives as the Officers of the Association effective May 1, by virtue of the Executive election results.

~~7.3.2 The Executive Director shall remain an ex-officio member of Executive Council and an Officer of the Association for the term of their employment.~~

### 7.4 Eligibility

7.4.1 General Election & **Spring By-Election** (President, the Vice President Academic, and Vice President External)

Any member of the Association may let their name stand as a candidate for these positions if:

**1. They have not exceeded Executive Term Limits**

1. They have achieved a GPA of at least 2.0 during the most previous Fall term or most recent Winter term (if not enrolled during the most recent Fall term).

~~2. They have not previously served two (2) elected terms as an Association Executive. However, one may let their name stand as a candidate if four years have elapsed since serving their second elected term.~~

3. They are not current full time or salaried employees of the Association

**7.4.2 Fall** By-election (Vice President Academic and Vice President External)

Any member of the Association may let their name stand as a candidate for these positions if:

**1. They have not exceeded Executive Term Limits**

1. They have achieved a GPA of at least 2.0 during the most previous Winter term or most recent Fall term (if not enrolled during the most recent Winter term).

~~2. They have not previously served two (2) elected terms as an Association Executive. However, one may let their name stand as a candidate if four years have elapsed since serving their second elected term.~~

3. They are not current full time or salaried employees of the Association.

~~7.4.3 The Executive Director is eligible for membership on Executive Council by virtue of their employment with the Association as ex-officio.~~

**7.7 Executive Council Vacancies**

7.7.1 The Association shall make all possible attempts to fill vacant Executive Council positions in a timely and efficient manner. Notices of the following vacancies shall be posted for at least ~~one week~~ **7 days**.

7.7.2 ~~If~~ **If** in the event that any Executive Council position becomes vacant, the remaining Executive Council members shall make a decision on the division and/or delegation of duties.

- 7.7.3 ~~If In the event that the President's office becomes is deemed vacant:~~
1. ~~On or before October 31~~ **September 30**, the Vice President External shall assume the position of President. ~~A by-election shall be held for the office of the Vice President External.~~
  2. ~~On or before October 31~~ **September 30**, AND if the Vice President External office is also vacant, the Vice President Academic shall assume the position of President. ~~A by-election shall be held to fill both Vice President positions.~~
  3. ~~After October 31~~ **September 30**, the Vice President External shall assume the position of President. If the Vice President External has not been in office since May 1, the Vice President Academic shall assume the position of the President.
- 7.7.4 **If the Office of Vice President Academic or Vice President External becomes vacant on or before September 30, the position(s) shall be filled through a Fall By-election.**
- ~~7.7.4 In the event that the Office of Vice President Academic or Vice President External becomes vacant on or before October 31, the position shall be filled through a by-election.~~
- ~~7.7.5 In the event that the Office of Vice President Academic or Vice President External become vacant after October 31, Executive Council shall decide on the division and/or delegation of duties.~~
- 7.7.6 Any Executive Council vacancy that has not been referenced in this Bylaw, shall be decided by a three-quarter (3/4) majority vote in Council.