

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, BAKERSFIELD
ACADEMIC SENATE

Nomination for Election to School Positions on University Committees
RES 1314060

EC

RESOLVED: that the Academic Senate recommend the addition of Section 202.7 School Election Nominations as described below to the University Handbook

202.7 School Election Nominations

If no nominations are received within the mandatory nomination period after two (2) successive calls for nomination of a faculty member from a given school to serve on a university committee requiring that school's representation, the Election Committee of the Academic Senate shall call for nominations for that position from the general university faculty eligible to serve. The second call to the school shall contain a warning that the committee position, while elected by the school, will be made available to the general faculty of the university in the next call for nominations if no school nominations are received.

Rationale: On numerous occasions, faculty positions on various university committees did not result in any nominations after multiple calls (three or more) for nomination. As a consequence, the operation of committees has been negatively impacted. The process of shared governance can only work if all parties to the governance process actively participate. A committee's deliberations greatly benefit from a diverse number of voices and viewpoints on the issue under deliberation. This addition to the handbook allows the call for nominations to be broadened to the general university faculty to ensure broad representation of faculty on university committees.

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