Staff Council Constitution Committee
September proposed Amendments
11 Sep 13

Issue 1 – Timing of Staff Council Officer Elections.

What the constitution states:
ARTICLE IV, Section 1: The officers of Staff Council are elected from the current membership. The elected officers: the Chair, Vice Chair, Past Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. The selection of the Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer will be decided by a majority vote. Elections for officers are to be held by secret ballot prior to the general election with the process to be determined by the current Vice Chair.

Concern:
Right now, both types of general body elections (Divisional and At-Large) for the next year happen AFTER the officer elections (secretary, treasurer, vice chair).

- Secretary & treasurer are 1 year positions
- Vice Chair/Chair/Past Chair is, (in reality) a 3 year position

This means someone can be elected as an officer by the staff council general body for the coming year, and then the very next month NOT be elected to general body. When this happens, it means they are no longer staff council members, and it leaves an empty officer position at the last minute.

Proposed Resolution:
CHANGE TO ARTICLE IV, Section 1:
Elections for officers are to be held by secret ballot prior to the general election with the process to be determined by the current Vice Chair.
Issue 2 –
Term of Service for the Vice Chair/Chair/Past Chair

What the constitution states:

Article IV: Officers of Staff Council
Section 1 - The officers of Staff Council are elected from the current membership.

Section 3 - The terms for the Chair, Vice Chair, Past Chair, Secretary and Treasurer are one year each and will commence or expire at the beginning of the August Staff Council meeting.

Section 4 - At the expiration of each year's term, the retiring Vice Chair becomes the Chair for the following term, with the following exception:

A) A person who has succeeded or been elected to the office of Chair by reason of a vacancy occurring after the 3rd Thursday in February of the expiring term remains Chair for the following term.

Section 5 - At the beginning of each year's term that member of Staff Council who has most recently held the office of Chair becomes Past Chair and will serve in an advisory capacity.

Article V: Membership of Staff Council
Section 1 - The membership of Staff Council shall consist of 2 elected members from each campus unit, as defined in the annually published organizational chart at the Staff Council website, as maintained by the Chair of the Elections Committee, as well as members elected at large whose number is not to exceed the total number of those elected from the campus units, except as outlined in Article V, Section 5A and 5B. The term of office shall be for two years, to commence at the beginning of the August Staff Council meeting.

Concern:
Similar to Timing of Staff Council Officer Elections, a staff council member elected to serve as the Vice Chair, Chair or Past Chair could potentially not be elected to general body during the next election cycle. If this occurs they are no longer a member of staff council, and therefore unable to fulfill their officer position.

Proposed Resolution:

Addition to Article IV:
Section 6 - In the event that the Vice Chair, Chair or Past Chair fails to receive the requisite number of votes to be a Staff Council representative, they shall continue to serve in their officer's capacity but shall not hold voting privileges; except the chair shall vote only in the case of a tie.
Issue 3 – Allotted At-Large Body Seats

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Concern:
Vague and confusing

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