

Faculty Senate – Called Session

January 14, 2008; 4:00pm in the Law School Auditorium

Rules and Procedures to be Followed for this Special Election

Purpose: To elect a member of the Columbia campus faculty to serve on the Presidential Candidate Search Committee according to the procedures established in the Bylaws for the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees.

Validity of the Called Session: A majority of the members of the Faculty Senate constitutes a quorum. A quorum must be present in order for the meeting to begin.

Voter Eligibility: Only voting members of the Faculty Senate present at the time the votes are conducted may participate in voting per established procedures for service on this committee. A list of the members of the current Faculty Senate can be found at <http://www.sc.edu/faculty/members.shtml>.

Candidate Eligibility: All Columbia campus faculty are eligible to serve on the search committee. [NOTE: Service on the Faculty Senate is **not** required.]

Nominations: Nominations of candidates must be made by a current voting member of the faculty, preferably through a current member of the Faculty Senate. Self-nominations **are** permitted. Nominations may be made prior to the meeting by contacting Laura Kane, the current Faculty Senate Secretary. The floor will be open for nominations toward the beginning of the January 14th called meeting of the Faculty Senate. Nominations received prior to the meeting will be posted on the Faculty Senate website, time permitting. NOTE: Candidates nominated to serve on the Presidential Candidate Search Committee must have agreed to serve if elected prior to the time of the actual vote to be eligible to appear on the ballot.

Write-In Candidates: Write-In candidates **are** permitted. In the event that a Write-In candidate wins the election, or garners enough votes to participate in a run-off election, the candidate must have previously agreed to serve if elected, or be present at the meeting at the time that the results of voting are being considered and agree to serve in order to be declared the winner, or to participate in a run-off.

Balloting: Election will be by written secret ballots, and a majority is required for election. If no candidate receives a majority, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be the nominees for a run-off vote. Voting will continue until one candidate receives a majority of the ballots cast. Ballots will be recognized only if they contain the name of **one** and only one eligible faculty member, and must be legible to the election tellers. Proxy voting is not allowed.

Tallying Votes: Tellers will be appointed by the Chair of the Faculty Senate to tally the votes. Absent any stated objections from the body, only the prevailing candidate(s) will be announced following the election along with the total number of ballots received, and the number of any spoiled or ineligible ballots.

Questions? Prior to the meeting please contact Laura Kane (FS Secretary – Laura@gw.med.sc.edu) or Bob Best (FS Chair – best@sc.edu), or Jeanna Luker (Senate Office administrative assistant – JeannaL@gwm.sc.edu).