

## Election Council Meeting Notes from Sept 12, 2016 Meeting

Present: David Cupo, Natalie Obrecht, Jerry Beal, Roy Knaus, Jim Miles

Absent: Wooi Lim, Chris Mulrine

**Standard Charges:** During Fall 2016 we are charged to run elections for the five Senate committees (Promotion, Faculty Range Adjustment, Sabbatical, Assigned Release Time, and Professional Staff Promotion) and to elect an Adjunct rep to the Senate. Although in previous years the Council ran the adjunct election and committee elections in separate or partially overlapping time periods, this year we're running everything in the same election cycle. It just makes things simpler logistically on the Council's end. Here's the election schedule:

Week 1 (Tue 9/20 noon – Tue 9/27 noon): First round of nominations

Week 2 (Tue 9/27 noon – Tue 10/4 noon): Second round of nominations

Week 3 (Tue 10/4 noon – Tue 10/11 noon): Biographies and withdrawals

Week 4 (Wed 10/12 noon – Wed 10/19 noon): Voting takes place

And if needed:

Week 5 (Thu 10/20 noon – Thu 10/27 noon): Runoff election(s)

**Additional Charges:** Review software options for running the online elections.

**Outcome:** This year we're opting not to renew our Campus-Vote subscription and instead using Qualtrics, for which the University just bought a site-wide license. Qualtrics is working on creating a special account for the Elections Council which ensures anonymity for voters, prevents ballot-box stuffing, etc. This change was approved by the Senate Executive Committee and Union Leadership over the summer.