WHEREAS, The CSU Board of Trustees Policy for the Selection of Presidents indicates that there will be an advisory committee to the Trustees committee in the selection of CSU Presidents (http://www.calstate.edu/datastore/PresidentialSearch.shtml). The Advisory Committee to the Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President (ACTCSU) is to include the CSU campus Academic Senate Chair plus two faculty representatives. The two faculty representatives are to be elected by the campus faculty or, if a standing policy allows for the forgoing of a faculty election, that standing policy needs to be revised or ratified with each new presidential search; and

WHEREAS, The Academic Senate has no standing policy for selecting the two faculty representatives to ACTCSU; and

WHEREAS, In January 2010, the Academic Senate used the consent agenda process to adopt the provisional policy, attached, for the election of two faculty representatives to the ACTCSU; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the policy, below, which is a slightly revised version of the provisional policy, henceforth be the standing policy for the election of two faculty representatives to future incarnations of the ACTCSU:

ACADEMIC SENATE SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE NOMINATION OF TWO FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO THE TRUSTEE COMMITTEE FOR THE SELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT

1. The Board of Trustees Policy for the Selection of Presidents (BOT Policy) specifies that in addition to the Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President established by the Office of the Chancellor, an Advisory Committee to the Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President (ACTCSP) serves as one of the consultative groups in the selection of campus Presidents. Among the members of the ACTCSP is the Chair of the Academic Senate and two (2) “faculty representatives elected by the faculty” (http://www.calstate.edu/datastore/PresidentialSearch.shtml).
2. The nomination and election of the two faculty representatives to the ACTCSP shall be by and from those members of the General Faculty as defined by the Constitution of the Faculty (Article I).

3. In order to provide the fullest possible representation given the constraints of the BOT Policy, the combination of the two faculty representatives plus the Chair of the Academic Senate shall all come from separate colleges/Professional Consultative Services (PCS). The two elected faculty representatives will be at-large positions.

   In the event that one of the two elected representatives is unable to serve at any time during the search, the nominee who received the next highest number of votes in the election will serve in his or her stead.

4. To become a nominee for one of the two representative positions, an eligible member of the faculty must submit to the Chair of the Academic Senate the following:

   A. A statement not to exceed 200 words indicating how he or she interprets the role and responsibility of representing the Cal Poly faculty as a member of the ACTCSP.

   B. A nominating petition (including the statement from A) signed by a minimum of twenty (20) and maximum of thirty (30) members of the Faculty eligible to vote in this election. No more than five (5) signatures can come from the nominee’s Department and at least five (5) signatures must be from faculty in a college/PCS other than the nominee’s college/PCS. Eligible signatories may not sign a nomination petition for more than one candidate without rendering that signatory ineligible.

5. At the request of the Office of the Chancellor to begin the election process for faculty representation, the Academic Senate Chair will make the call for nominations allowing for a nomination period of one week.

6. The Academic Senate Chair will also make the arrangements for the voting process, allowing for a voting period of one week.

7. The two candidates (from different colleges/PCS) with the highest number of votes shall be the faculty representatives to the (ACTCSP). If there are significant time constraints, a tie vote will be decided by the Academic Senate Chair. If time does allow, run-off elections will be conducted to deal with a tie vote. The Academic Senate Chair will not vote in the election.

   Rationale for 4(A): Requiring a statement of how a nominee would serve Cal Poly faculty on the ACTCSP will help faculty determine who is most likely to represent not only the interests of his or her department and college/PCS, but also the university more broadly.

   Rationale for 4(B): Requiring that a nominee seek support outside of his or her department and college/PCS helps to ensure that our representatives are regarded by colleagues from across the campus as responsible representatives of Cal Poly faculty.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Committee
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Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-707-10  
         Resolution on Selection Process for the Nomination of Faculty Representatives to the  
         Advisory Committee for the Selection of Campus President

This memo formally acknowledges receipt of the above-referenced Academic Senate Resolution.