



RESOLUTION-POLICY

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	For Information Only

From: Dr. Eric Milou, Rowan University Senate President

To: Dr. Ali Houshmand, Provost

Date: 5/11/11

RE: Senate Resolution **110509-4**

Resolution – Election of Department Chairpersons

1. **WHEREAS** there are no provisions in the “Election of Department Chairpersons” guidelines in the event that a chairperson steps down before his or her term is completed,

WHEREAS there are no provisions there for the case where a new department is created,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following be added after the eighth paragraph (beginning “If a chairperson cannot be elected”):

In the event that a chairperson resigns before the end of his or her term an election will be held according to the guidelines above. The person elected will then serve out the remainder of the term of the departing chairperson. In the event that a new department is created, a chair will be elected immediately from among the members who will constitute that department, and that chair will serve for three years. In the event that a new department is created from a merger or restructuring of two or more departments, a chair will be elected immediately from among the members who will constitute that department, and that chair will serve for three years.

2. **WHEREAS** there are no provisions in the guidelines for a tie or a three-way election,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following be added after the sixth paragraph (beginning “The person receiving”):

In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the votes of those eligible, a run-off election will be held. This could be the case if:

* There is an election of three or more candidates, in which case the two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will participate in the run-off election.

* There is an election of two or more candidates and they receive an equal number of votes. In this case, a run-off between the same candidates will be held. This may be repeated in the case of another tie, or the department may vote to have the Dean or Vice President/Provost appoint a temporary chair as detailed below.

3. WHEREAS the number of members on the election committee is not relevant in the case of a tie vote in the department,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in the "Often Asked Questions" section, question 6 should be deleted.

Acceptance:

_____ I give my approval. I have forwarded this item to _____ for implementation.

_____ No approval is actually needed. I have forwarded this item to the following individual or office for informational purposes only:

ADDITIONAL REVIEW NEEDED:

_____ I am willing to give approval if the following modification(s) are made:

_____ Before I can approve or reject this item, I need clarification on the following:

_____ I have forwarded this item to the following individual or office for further consideration and consultation.

Rejection:

_____ I decline acceptance of this item for the following reason:

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