

**RESOLUTION ON ELECTIONS OF REPRESENTATIVES
AND OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL FACULTY
(#10-01/02-EX)**

- WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 114, of the Constitution of the General Faculty of Humboldt State University, specifies that "officers of the General Faculty, members of the University Faculty Personnel Committee, members of the Professional Leave Committee, and representatives to the Academic Senate, shall be elected by a majority vote of those voting for that office or representative"; and
- WHEREAS, The election process is not specified for other elections, such as faculty representative to the search committee advising on presidential searches; and
- WHEREAS, Election processes other than a majority vote, such as a plurality vote, can allow faculty representatives to be elected with a small fraction of the voting faculty; and
- WHEREAS, The faculty deserve to have representatives who have been elected though a process that has made every reasonable attempt to gain a majority vote; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Humboldt State University recommend that the faculty vote on whether or not to adopt the following changes in the first section of Article IX, Section 114, of the Constitution of the General Faculty of Humboldt State University:

Section 114. Election Process-- The officers of the General Faculty, members of the University Faculty Personnel Committee, members of the Professional Leave Committee, ~~and~~ representatives to the Academic Senate, and all other representatives or officers of the General Faculty selected through an election process shall be elected by a majority vote of those voting for that office or representative. ~~on the first or second ballot.~~

With one position to fill-- All nominees shall be listed on the first ballot. Those having the highest number of votes, and whose votes, when added together, constitute a majority of the votes cast, shall appear on the next ballot. Voting shall continue in this manner until one candidate receives a majority of votes cast. All ballots shall list nominees in alphabetical order.

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With multiple positions to fill-- In elections where multiple positions are to be filled, those whose votes when added together constitute 66.7% or more of the votes cast will be elected. If there are more candidates retained than required for multiple positions, a run-off election will be held of those candidates.

Unexpired terms-- If unexpired terms are being filled by the election process, the candidate with the highest vote count shall select the term of office to serve, if more than one term length exists.