



## REGENT CANDIDATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

### SELECTION PROCEDURES

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- I. Guidelines for selection of finalists (individuals to be interviewed):
  - A. The council will strive to interview a diverse group of qualified candidates for each open seat.
  - B. Finalists shall be selected by ballot, with council members voting for up to four nominees for each open seat. A simple majority of those voting (voting may be done by mail) will qualify a nominee as a finalist.
  - C. Candidates receiving no votes will be eliminated from consideration. The remaining candidates will be placed on a second ballot. Members shall then vote for 0 to 4 candidates. Those receiving a simple majority will qualify as finalists for interview.
  - D. A third and final ballot may only be conducted upon a vote of a majority of members present. If conducted, the third ballot shall follow the procedures stated in C above.
  - E. No individual may be chosen as a finalist without having submitted a complete and signed Application Form.
- II. Procedures for selection of individuals recommended to the Legislature
  - A. General rules
    1. Regardless of the number of council members present and voting, candidates shall not be recommended to the Legislature without having received support from a majority of total council membership.

2. The numbers prescribed herein assume full council membership (24). Those numbers may be reduced to reflect vacant positions on the council. They may not, however, fall below the level which will provide majority support for successful candidates.
  3. At any point, after the selection of at least two candidates for each open seat, selections may be closed by motion of a council member with support of a majority of the full council membership.
  4. No individual may be recommended to the Legislature without having been interviewed and duly selected as prescribed herein.
- B. Voting procedures for individual district, student regent, or at-large seat (if only one at-large seat is open):
1. First ballot:
    - a. In the initial ballot for each seat, each council member votes for up to four candidates.
    - b. If a candidate, or candidates, receives 16 or more votes (or  $\frac{2}{3}$  of council membership), the individual with the highest vote total (or highest two individuals, if a tie) is selected.
    - c. If no candidate receives 16 or more votes (or  $\frac{2}{3}$  of council membership), there is no selection.
    - d. Whether or not there is a selection, all candidates receiving no votes are eliminated. The candidate, or candidates, with the fewest number of votes is (are) also eliminated.
  2. Subsequent balloting:
    - a. Subsequent ballots will include all remaining candidates, excluding those elected and those eliminated in

prior ballots. The process for elimination of candidates will be the same in subsequent ballots as that used in the first ballot.

- b. Council members will vote for up to the number of open slots remaining after each prior ballot. For instance, if one person is selected on the first ballot, members will vote for up to 3 on the second ballot and so on.
- c. In all remaining ballots after the initial ballot, only one person may be elected on each ballot.
- d. After the initial ballot, the number of votes required for selection will decline with each ballot to 15, then 14, then finally 13.

C. Voting procedures for at-large seats when two or more seats are open.

1. First ballot:

- a. Each council member votes for up to the number of open seats times four (two seats, vote for up to eight; three seats, vote for up to 12; etc.)
- b. If a candidate, or candidates, receives 16 or more votes, the individual with the highest and second highest vote totals of 16 or more votes will be selected, provided there are no ties among three or more candidates of 16 votes or more.
- c. If such ties do not permit the selection of anyone (e.g., four candidates have 17 votes, the highest number), there is no selection.
- d. If no candidate receives 16 or more votes, there is no selection.

- e. Whether or not there is a selection, all candidates receiving no votes are eliminated. All candidates having the two smallest numbers of votes are also eliminated.
2. Subsequent balloting:
- a. Subsequent ballots will include all remaining candidates, excluding those selected and those eliminated in prior ballots. The process for elimination of candidates will be the same in subsequent ballots as that used in the first ballot.
  - b. Council members will vote for up to the number of open slots remaining after each prior ballot.
  - c. In all remaining ballots after the initial ballot, only one person may be selected on each ballot.
  - d. After the initial ballot, the number of votes required for selection will decline with each ballot to 15, then 14, then finally 13.
- D. Suspension of these rules is permitted only for the specific purpose stated in a motion to suspend, and must receive the support of two-thirds of the members present in order to prevail.