Recommendation of the University Committee to amend Chapter 1.06(6) of the Policies and Procedures (procedures for filling a Senate vacancy).

(6) If a vacancy occurs in the Faculty Senate:

(a) There is an election for the unexpired term either at the next regular Faculty election or at a special election called by the Faculty Senate.

(b) Persons to fill unexpired terms in the Faculty Senate are elected in such a way that the distribution specified in 1.06(2) is preserved.

(6) If a vacancy occurs in the Faculty Senate:

(a) The vacancy is filled by the available candidate in the appropriate division who had the highest number of votes. If there is no available candidate, a vacancy is filled by an appointee of the University Committee. The person so designated shall serve until the first week of the next academic year. If the term of office extends beyond the current academic year, an election for the unexpired term is held at the next regular election.

(b) Vacancies in the Faculty Senate are filled in such a way that the distribution specified in 1.06(2) is preserved.

RATIONALE: Under current legislation, a vacancy in the Senate remains unfilled until the next regular faculty election, unless a special election is called by the Faculty Senate simply to fill the one vacant seat. Under the proposed amendment, the procedure for filling a vacancy would be simplified and would conform with the procedure for filling a vacant position on any other elective committee.

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