BYLAWS AMENDMENT

SSA 2015/2016-001

I. Amendment Name: Election Rules and Legislative Issues

II. Stated Amendment:

Resolved, that the following changes shall be made to the Staff Senate Bylaws immediately:

I. Article II, Section 2 (Page 1)
   a. Replace the word “majority” with “instant-runoff” in the first sentence of §2.3.1.

II. Article II, Section 3 (Page 2)
   a. Replace the word “secret” with “confidential voting” in §3.1.
   b. Replace the words “no later than” with the words “prior to” in §3.2.
   c. Replace the text of §3.3.3 with “The Constitution, Parliamentary Procedures, and Elections committee shall present the resulting voting tabulations to the nominees.”
   d. Replace the text of §3.3.5 with “Voting tabulations shall be shredded or deleted upon the formal announcement of results and thirty (30) days have passed.”
   e. Remove the text of §3.4.

III. Article II, Section 4 (Page 3)
   a. Replace the second sentence of §4.2 with “If the challenge was made prior to the beginning of the voting period, dated notice shall be given of a new voting period, ending seven (7) days from the date of the notice.”

IV. Article V, Section 3 (Page 5)
   a. Add the words “through instant-runoff” to the first sentence of §3 after the words “majority vote.”

V. Article V, Section 4 (Page 5)
   a. Replace the text of §4.1 with “After the regular meeting in May, as soon as is reasonably possible, the CPP&E Committee shall provide the list of eligible Senators and Senators-elect to those eligible Senators and Senators-elect that they may be nominated for elected Senate offices.”
   b. Add the words “and Senators-elect” after the word “Senators,” in §4.2.

Resolved, that the following changes shall be made to the Staff Senate Bylaws starting with the first Staff Senate meeting in July:

Article VI, Section 3 (Page 13)

• Replace the word, “Service,” with, “Involvement,” in §3.7.
• Remove the word, “and,” from §3.7.1.3.
• Replace the period with, “; and,” in §3.7.1.4.
• Add a new section labeled §3.7.1.5 with the following language: “Potential federal, state, and/or local legislation that may affect UCO Staff.”

III. Justification:
In the past, the Staff Senate election system demanded that one candidate be selected by strict majority vote. Because the Bylaws failed to provide for a run-off system, certain divisions of the UCO staff were unable to select their senators this way. The election was deemed unsuccessful and the remaining open senate seats were filled by presidential appointment. This amendment seeks to avoid this situation in the future for senator and officer elections.

Furthermore, the Bylaws implied that voting would entail actual paper ballots to be counted when the most convenient voting systems do not require actual ballots. This amendment allows the Staff Senate some flexibility in deciding whether to use paper or electronic voting.

Finally, the Bylaws do not address which standing committee should address legislative issues that may affect UCO staff. This amendment assigns that responsibility to a standing committee. Because this assignment may change the focus of that committee, this change will not come into effect until the next senate term year. This will allow senators the option to avoid or select this committee based on this new focus.

IV. Budget: Not applicable