AMENDMENT
SSA 2018/2019-002

Staff Senate Sponsor(s):
Constitution, Parliamentary Procedures, and Elections Committee

I. Title of amendment: Breaking Election Ties

II. Citation of Bylaws verbatim:
Section 2 Elections

2.3 To be elected, nominees must satisfy one of the following, as applicable:

2.3.1 If the number of nominees is more than the number of seats to be filled, the election shall be decided by instant-runoff vote. If any open seat is not filled in the first election, elections shall continue to be held until the seats are filled.

2.3.2 Alternatively, if the number of nominees is no more than the number of seats to be filled, their election shall be declared.

III. Amendment desired:
We seek to amend Article II, Section 3 with the following:

2.3.1 If the number of nominees is more than the number of seats to be filled, the election shall be decided by instant-runoff vote. If any open seat is not filled in the first election, elections shall continue to be held until the seats are filled.

2.3.1.1 To be elected, candidates for each office must receive a majority vote through instant-runoff.

2.3.1.2 If no candidate receives a majority vote, in the case of an instant-runoff election, the election shall be resolved in favor of the candidate that was strongest in terms of first choices.

2.3.1.3 If no candidate receives a majority vote, the Staff Senate Executive Committee vote among themselves to break the tie prior to the next Staff Senate meeting.

2.3.1.4 Finally, if no candidate receives a majority vote in the Staff Senate Executive Committee vote, the Staff Senate President shall break the tie prior to the next Staff Senate meeting.

2.3.2 Alternatively, if the number of nominees is no more than the number of seats to be filled, their election shall be declared.

IV. Justification:
Since the current bylaws have no mention of election tie-breaking procedure, a clarification and codification of the rules becomes essential for the smooth operation of the voting without having to schedule and undertake additional elections.

Passed by consent of the UCO Staff Senate this 6th day of February 2019.

Scott DeBoard, Staff Senate President