

CSUEU Board Agenda Item



Board Agenda Item: B&P ___/14/___

Action Item: March 29, 2014

Subject: DIVISION 601.05 and 601.06 – Chapter nominations and election periods

Source and/or Proponent: CSUEU Policy File Committee

Presentation By: Steve Mottaz, CSUEU Policy File Chair

Assigned To: Nancy Yamada, CSUEU Staff

Recommended Action:

That the CSUEU Board of Directors adopt the attached amendments to DIVISION 601.05 Nominations and 601.06 Election of the CSUEU Policy File.

Background:

At previous meetings, the Board discussed moving Chapter elections to the Fall preceding a Statewide Election. The Board requested that this Committee determine the feasibility of this change and present policy file language.

The attached amendment moves Chapter election preparations to the Fall preceding a Statewide Election Year, with elections to be completed by February 28. This change allows newly seated chapter officers opportunities to attend board meetings and training sessions before statewide elections.

Estimated Cost/Savings:

Funding Source: N/A

Board Action: ☐ Adopt ☐ Reject ☐ Refer

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DIVISION 6: CSUEU PROCEDURES

601.00 ELECTIONS

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601.04 Time of Election

Board of Directors, Bargaining Unit Council Chapter Officers and General Council Delegate elections shall be held every third year beginning in 2012. When the last day for performance of any act required by this election code falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, such act may be performed on the next business day with the same effect as if it had been performed on the day appointed. (BD 36/08/4) (BD 42/09/3)

601.05 Nominations

(a) Chapter

- (1) By ~~December~~ October 15 prior to an election year, each Chapter President shall activate a Chapter Nominations Committee that shall serve for nominations to the offices of Chapter President/General Council Delegate, Chapter Vice President, Chapter Secretary, Chapter Treasurer, Chapter Organizing Chair, and Chapter Bargaining Unit Representatives (CBUR). (BD 36/08/4)
- (2) By ~~December~~ October 20, Chapter Presidents shall transmit Chapter Nominating Committee member names to CSUEU headquarters. (BD 36/08/4)
- (3) During ~~January~~ of November preceding an election year, the Chapter President shall notify the chapter memberships of the date, time, and place of the open chapter meeting to accept nominations. Such meeting must be held by ~~February~~ December 15. (BD 36/08/4)
- (4) To be included on the ballot, all candidates must submit a signed Candidate Consent Form.

(b) CSUEU

By April 30 of an election year, the President shall notify all active members in good standing of open nominations for CSUEU office. A nomination form and consent statement shall be included. Candidate statements shall be 100 words or less. CSUEU shall receive, publish and distribute, with reasonable editing, all nominations and candidate statements to the CSUEU electorate prior to elections. Nominations may also be made on the floor of the meeting called for the purpose of CSUEU elections. A signed consent form is required. (BD 36/08/4)

(c) Bargaining Unit Councils

By April 30 of an election year, each Bargaining Unit Council (BUC) Chair shall notify all Chapter Bargaining Unit Representatives of open nominations for election to the Bargaining Unit Council (BUC), BUC Chair and BUC Vice-chair. A nominations form and candidate statement shall be included. The candidate statement shall be no more than 100 words. The CSUEU shall receive, publish and distribute, with reasonable editing, all nominations and candidate statements to Chapter Bargaining Unit Representatives prior to elections. Nominations may also be made on the floor of the special meeting called for the purpose of BUC elections. A signed consent form is required. (BD 36/08/4)

601.06 Election

(a) Chapter

- (1) Elections for Chapter Officers and Chapter Bargaining Unit Representatives shall be by either: mail ballot, conducted by CSUEU Headquarters, or open chapter meeting. All contested elections shall be conducted by secret ballot. (CSUDC 15/01/1)
- (2) If the CSUEU is to conduct the election, the CSUEU Headquarters must be informed no later than ~~February~~ December 16.
- (3) If conducted by a chapter, the Chapter President shall inform the chapter electorate and the CSUEU President of the time, date and place of elections, no later than ~~February~~ December 16.
- (4) Chapter elections shall be concluded and results reported to CSUEU Headquarters no later than ~~March 31st~~ February 28 of an election year. (BD 36/08/4)
- (5) Procedures for elections by open chapter meeting shall be included in the Chapter Bylaws.
- (6) The winning candidate for each office is determined by a simple majority of votes cast. Blank ballots and proxy votes are invalid and shall not be counted. (BD 3/10/1)
- (7) All ties shall be determined by lot. (BD 3/10/1)

(b) CSUEU/Statewide (BD 3/10/1)

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