

**TAMUK FACULTY SENATE MOTION 12.01.2020.3.**

**Motion: That Article II, Section 3 of the *Constitution of the General Faculty of Texas A&M University-Kingsville* be updated using the proposed language below, which would allow electronic ballots to be the new method used for Faculty Senate elections.**

Article II. THE FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP, ELECTIONS AND MEETINGS  
Section 3. ELECTIONS

(a) The Election Committee will develop an electronic eligibility form and ballot. The form will collect the following information from voters: name, email, department, and faculty rank. Upon submission of the eligibility form, voters will be directed to a ballot. The ballot will have settings established to assure anonymity.

(b) For departmental/unit elections the Secretary shall announce by email to the Department Chair/Unit Director the number of positions on the Senate to be elected by that faculty for the upcoming term and the names of the faculty not eligible for election. The Secretary shall request of each Department Chair/Unit Director a list of nominees be returned to him or her. Upon receipt of the lists, nominees become candidates.

(c) For Senators-at-large, the Secretary shall announce by email to the College Dean the number of positions on the Senate to be elected by that faculty for the upcoming term and the names of the faculty not eligible for election. The Secretary shall request of each College Dean a list of nominees be returned to him or her. Upon receipt of the lists, nominees become candidates.

(d) An email shall be sent to all eligible faculty voters with instructions for accessing, filling out, and submitting their electronic ballots. Faculty members may vote only once.

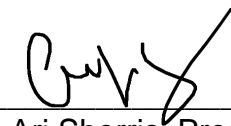
(e) At no time during the election process shall faculty names or identifiable information be collected other than to verify voting eligibility. Information collected will be limited to whom the candidate voted for and the time of the vote. In the event that an eligible faculty member will not have access to internet resources, the Secretary shall make provisions for casting absentee ballots.

(f) In the event of a tie, the Secretary will seek to mediate an outcome with the candidates in question. If no clear winner can be determined, a special run-off election will be held to determine the winner.

(g) The Election Committee shall record votes. The tally of votes for each candidate shall be forwarded to the Faculty Senate office and remain on file. The voting record shall become the basis for eligibility to fill Senate vacancies.

PASSED 2<sup>ND</sup> VOTE by 2/3 of Faculty Senate on December 1, 2020

Signed \_\_\_\_\_



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