

REPORT
By-laws Committee
March 11, 2014

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1. On January 14, 2014, the Faculty Senate approved the following:

“THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the duly elected Senators shall take their seats before May 15 of the academic year.”

2. During the Faculty Senate Executive Committee meeting of 3/4/2014, there were some concerns about holding elections of the Senate officers during the last meeting of Faculty Senate in May 2014. This was due to the language contained in the Charter and bylaws that refers to holding elections in September.
3. Therefore, the committee recommends changing the current language “The newly-elected FS shall hold leadership elections at its first regular meeting, but not later than the month of September” to the newly-elected FS shall hold leadership elections at its regular meeting in May. This change shall be made in all of the Faculty Senate Documents.

I move for the acceptance of the report.

MOTION # 1
(01/14/2014)

Whereas, the current bylaws of the senate states, "Department / College elections of Senators shall be held in the month of April. Duly elected Senators shall take their seats at the first regular FS meeting of the next Academic Year;" and

Whereas, this situation seems to create a "leadership vacuum" during the summer terms; and

Whereas, during the summer terms, the university administration usually makes important decisions regarding the academia without the active participation of the faculty senate;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the duly elected Senators shall take their seats before May 15 of the academic year.