

COE Election Policy*

1. COE Elections and Policy Votes

Article 11 of the COE Constitution outlines the procedures for College Elections and Policy Votes. However, it does not specify how ballots should be structured or how votes should be interpreted. To promote consistency, this policy establishes guidelines for ballot formation and vote interpretation.

2. Goals

- Increase consistency and fairness in the election process.
- Encourage greater faculty participation in shared governance.
- Boost overall election turnout.
- Reduce the need for multiple run-off elections.

3. Election of Regular Members

Since multiple committee elections are conducted using a single ballot, each committee election must include an "Abstain" option. This allows faculty to opt out of voting for a specific committee if they choose to do so. Abstain votes will not be counted toward the results of that committee's election.

For each committee, eligible faculty members may vote for up to the number of available "candidates" listed for that committee.

If a majority is not reached for a position, a run-off election is required in accordance with Article 11.200 of the COE Constitution. In the event of a tie where a majority is reached for a specific position, the winner will be determined by drawing lots.

4. Election of Alternate Members

In accordance with Article 11.600 of the COE Constitution, the election of alternate committee members must be conducted separately, following the election of regular members.

The election procedures for alternate members will mirror those used for regular members in Section 3 of this policy.

The number of alternate members elected will be up to the number of regular seats on the committee, and they will be ranked in order based on the number of votes received.

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