

Proposed Revisions to the *Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Manual*
 Palmetto College Campuses Faculty Senate
 University of South Carolina

Brief Title of Proposed Change	Executive Committee Election
Committee Proposing Revision	Executive Committee
Date of Presentation to Senate	11/10/2017
Senate Approval Date	2/16/2018

Rationale for Proposed Revisions

- At present, the manual states that “Normally, no campus shall have more than one member on the Executive Committee,” while also mandating that officers of the executive committee are nominated and elected. These two rules are incompatible, and the procedure for what should happen if two candidates to executive committee positions getting the most votes are from the same campus.

Summary of Proposed Revisions

- We propose removing the requirement that the executive committee contain at most one member from each campus, and maintaining campus representation by changing how at-large members are elected. In our proposal, the end-of-year elections for Vice-Chair and Secretary are as normal (the chair and immediate past chair having already been determined). Between senate meetings, any campus not represented by these four positions may then elect an at-large member from their Faculty Organization to serve on the executive committee.
- Additionally, to allow campuses flexibility in their senate delegation, these at-large members may choose to be full members of the Executive Committee or choose only to meet with the Executive Committee. (The difference here is that this allows a campus short on senators to have representation in the room when the executive committee meets without that senator giving up their vote or their seat on one of the standing committee.)

Section and page numbers of the current *Manual* for proposed revisions

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Section 3. After election of the officers for the following year, any campus which does not have a member serving on the executive committee (either as Secretary, Vice Chair, Chair, or Immediate Past Chair) may elect from its Faculty Organization a Member-at-Large. A Member-at-Large will meet and have voting privileges in the Executive Committee, but may choose whether or not to serve as a member of the executive committee. A senator serving as Member-at-Large may in this way retain voting privileges in the Senate and may retain membership on a standing committee of the senate. Once elected, a Member-at-Large who is a sitting senator shall notify their Faculty Organization whether they will serve as a member of the executive committee, so as to allow their campus to elect a replacement senator if necessary.