

Adopted: January 26, 1993

**ACADEMIC SENATE
OF
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, California**

**AS-399-93/C&BC
RESOLUTION ON
MAJORITY VOTE**

Background statement: Complications with elections arise due to a requirement for a majority vote. There have been situations where elections resulted in no majority vote even after several runoff elections. A majority vote consists of more than half of the ballots cast.

WHEREAS, The requirement of a majority vote results in complications with the election process, and

WHEREAS, A majority requires more than half of the votes cast, and

WHEREAS, Runoff elections may result in no majority vote being achieved by any one candidate, and

WHEREAS, Robert's Rules of Preferential Voting eliminates the need for runoff elections; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That Article VI.I.I.5.b.(l).(e) and (f) read as follows:

(e) Declare elected those candidates who receive ~~votes from a majority of those voting in any election.~~ the highest number of votes according to Robert's Rules of Preferential Voting.

(f) ~~Hold runoff elections in instances where a complete slate of persons is not elected by majority vote. When runoff elections are necessary, the number of candidates placed on the runoff ballot shall be twice as many as the number of persons to be elected, provided there are that many candidates who were not previously elected by majority vote.~~

Ensure departmental representation has precedence in elections according to Article II.C.3 of the Bylaws of the Academic Senate.

Proposed By:
The Academic Senate Constitution and
Bylaws Committee
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