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ASB 06-03  Election Procedure for ASUSU Senator Pro Tempore

WHEREAS: ASUSU student Government was restructured in the spring of 2006 and the
ASUSU Senator Pro Tempore position was created to sit as a member of the Executive Council
to be the official senate representative.

WHEREAS: The Senator Pro Tempore position is filled by an elected senator voted upon by the
seven college senators of ASUSU.

WHEREAS: There are no policies regarding the procedure of the election for the position of
ASUSU Senator Pro Tempore.

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED: That the election of the Senator Pro Tempore be by a
majority vote through each ASUSU college senator casting their vote for the two candidates they
feel would do the best job in the position, unless there are only two candidates and then only one
vote shall be cast by each ASUSU college senator.

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED: Each senator can use only one of the two votes per candidate.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER ENACTED: The Academic Senate President and at least
one of the student government advisors administer and tally the vote for Senator Pro Tempore.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER ENACTED: That should their be a tie amongst the
candidates for Senator Pro Tempore that a revote occur by the Academic Senate casting one vote
for their choice between the tied candidates, a majority vote wins.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER ENACTED: If concerns arise about the quality of the
elected candidate, previous legislation outlines the established process for Senator Pro Tempore
replacement by the Academic Senate.
BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER ENACTED: That the election of the Senator Pro Tempore be held by at least the third week in April of each year to allow time for training purposes.

BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER ENACTED: That this legislation be referenced in the charter of the Senator Pro Tempore.

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History:
There is no history on the subject, except for how the 2005 - 2006 ASUSU Senator Pro Tempore was selected. In the spring of 2005 and upon advice received by student government advisors, the Academic Senate chose to hold the Senator Pro Tempore position election as follows:

Each of the senators desiring to hold the position was given the opportunity to give a short platform speech to the Academic Senate. After the candidates had given their platform, the Senate moved to the voting phase. Each senator was asked to vote for two individuals, so that each candidate could vote for themselves and one other candidate they felt could fill the position the best. Because of this, the vote count was doubled, which increased the chances of obtaining a simple majority vote for one candidate. The votes were tallied by two of the student government advisors. The winner was announced and was required to assume responsibility of the position immediately. The Academic Senate President did not participate in the elections.

The Academic Senate President should not vote as he/she already sits on the ASUSU Executive Council and the pro tempore position is a representative of the seven college senators on Executive Council. Therefore an administrative role should be assumed as president of the senate.

Strengths:
This clarifies how the Senator Pro Tempore is selected, through a process similar to ASUSU elections, by a majority vote from the position’s constituency.

Weaknesses:
None that should give a strong enough reason not to have an election procedure set forth.