

# University Area Commission – Governance Committee

Agenda -April 5, 2017

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**According to Article IV Section 7: The Governance Committee shall:**

- a. Implement these by laws and elections rules as required;
- b. Research the effectiveness and applicability of these by laws and make recommendations to the Commission for amendments to the by laws;
- c. Conduct the orientation of new commissioners;
- d. Coordinate the internal activities of the Commission.

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**Agenda:**

1. Discuss proposed change to by laws and election rules proposed by the elections committee to change UAC Elections from 2 days to 1 day
  - Election Committee proposed changes
    - By Law Article VI Section 1
      - Elections shall be held on the Wednesday preceding the first Saturday in November and again on the first Saturday in November of each year. All elections shall be secret ballot. Elections shall be determined by plurality vote.
    - Election Rule 7.1
      - The polls shall be open from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm on the Wednesday preceding the first Saturday in November. On the first Saturday in November the Polls shall be open from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.
  - Review voting data from the previous election before deciding which day to hold the elections.
  - There was some discussion on changing the rules to not provide the actual election date at the beginning of the year so the Election Committee could review which Saturdays in November are away games for Ohio State.
    - This would require a review of Election rules:
      - Section 2 Calendar
        - A Public announcement of the Elections shall be given within five days of September 1st of each year by the Board of elections and be available at the North side Branch of the Columbus Metropolitan Library, in a paid newspaper of general circulation and via Internet.
    - By Laws
      - Article VI, Section 8
        - There shall be a Board of Elections, consisting of five persons appointed by the President at the June meeting prior to the next election with the approval of the Commission, none of whom shall be connected in any way with a candidate for the Commission. The Board shall perform all duties set forth in the Election Rules.
2. Discuss if there are any other topics the Committee should cover this year before the final goals for the Committee are set for the year

Committee Members 2017 Commission Year

Commissioner	Present	Absent	Excused
Doreen Uhas-Sauer			
Lauren Squires			
Steve Volkmann			
Omar Elhagmusa			
Alex Wesaw			
David Hegley			

Note: Agenda subject to change