

University Area Commission | Governance Committee Report

Meeting Details: Wednesday June 7, 2017, Northwood and High Building, Started 6:50 PM and Ended 7:00 PM

Attendance: (P: Present, A: Absent, E: Excused, G: Guest, R: Resigned) Doreen Uhas-Sauer(P), Lauren Squires (E), Steve Volkmann (P), Alex Wesaw (E), Omar Elhagmusa (P arrived 6:50) and David Hegley (P)

1. Motion was made by Commissioner Volkmann and seconded by Commissioner Uhas-Sauer to pass the following by law, election rules and added Standing Rules to the UAC by laws. A first reading of these changes will be done at the June Commission meeting. Voting in favor: Uhas-Sauer, Volkmann, Elhagmusa and Hegley, Against: None. Motion passed unanimously.
 1. Article VI Section 1
 - Current: 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.
 - **Proposed:** *Elections shall be held on a Saturday between the last Saturday in October and the second Saturday in November. The final date will be set based on method established under Article VI Section 10 of these by laws. Elections shall be determined by plurality vote.*
 2. Article VI Section 10 (New By Law)
 - **Proposed:** *The Board of elections shall establish the date of elections for the year within the restrictions set by Article VI Section 1 as part of the Boards report provided to the Commission at the start of the Annual meeting. Upon acceptance of the Boards report the Board will be discharged from its responsibilities.*
 3. Election Rule 2.6
 - Current: Candidates may withdraw from the ballot no later than 4:30 pm on the Thursday prior to the *first day* of elections. Upon notice of a candidate's death or disqualification, the Board shall remove the candidate's name from the ballot.
 - **Proposed:** *Candidates may withdraw from the ballot no later than 4:30 pm on the Monday prior to the election. Upon notice of a candidate's death or disqualification, the Board shall remove the candidate's name from the ballot.*
 4. Election Rule 7.1
 - Current: 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.
 - **Proposed:** *Polls shall be open from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.*
 5. Election Rule 7.7
 - Current: There must be at least one polling location on each day of voting. Locations and total number of polls are at the discretion of the election Committee.
 - **Proposed:** *There must be at least one polling location. Locations of the polls are at the discretion of the Board of Elections*
 6. **Proposed Standing Rule:** *In the year 2017 the University Area Commission Elections will be held on November 4, 2017. This will be the only day of elections and this rule will expire at the start of the annual meeting in January 2018.*

Next meeting is August 2, 2017 @ 6:00 PM in Room 100 of the Northwood and High Building