

Senate Council Election Procedures When Some Members Participate Remotely

Approved by SREC Elections Subcommittee (11-19-2021).

At its December 4, 2017 meeting ([agenda](#), [minutes](#)), the Senate Council adopted the below election procedures ([original](#)) for election of Senate Council Chair and Senate Council Vice Chair with minor amendments indicated by blue underline / red strikethrough:

*Senate Council
December 4, 2017*

ELECTION PROCEDURE FOR SENATE COUNCIL CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR, 2017

A ~~secret~~ paper ballot will be conducted among the members, who will write on their ballot the name of the person they want as Senate Council chair and on the back of the ballot write their own names.

If none of the three candidates receives a majority of the vote, a second ballot will be conducted. If a candidate withdraws, the original procedure will be repeated. If no candidate withdraws, the second ballot will be conducted through preferential voting. The council members will write the names of all the candidates on their ballots, along with a numeral 1, 2 or 3 indicating their ranked preference (forced ranking), otherwise their ballot will not be counted.

If no candidate receives a majority of first-rank votes, the second-rank votes on the ballots of those preferring the third-place candidate will be redesignated as first-rank votes for their second-choice candidate(s). If there is an initial tie for second place, that place will be awarded to the candidate with the most second-rank votes. If the two have the same number of second rank votes, second place will go to the candidate with the fewest third-place votes. If a tie remains, second place will be determined by lot.

The final ballot will be a non-ranked choice between the top two candidates.

If there are more than two nominees for vice chair, the same procedure will be followed.

Because the December 6, 2021 Senate Council meeting will allow remote participation via Zoom, the SREC Elections Subcommittee proposes to amend the first paragraph above as follows:

A paper ballot will be conducted among the in-person members, who will write on their ballot the name of the person they want as Senate Council chair and on the back of the ballot write their own names. Remote members will instead send emails to the election official using only official UK email addresses and indicate the name of the person they want as Senate Council Chair.

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