

Rule 3335-5-48.8 Committee on Honorary Degrees

Synopsis: Updating the University Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees to make honorary degree candidate materials accessible to the senate and clarify the process by which nominations are communicated.

WHEREAS the members of university senate who vote on nominees for honorary degrees should have access to review candidates' full dossiers, and

WHEREAS paper or electronic ballots for voting for nominees are each valid methods of tallying votes, and

WHEREAS there is currently an inconsistency in the Faculty Rules for how nominations are communicated, with rule 3335-5-41(A)(3) indicating that nominations go from the University Senate to the Board of Trustees, but rule 3335-5-48.8(7)(c) indicating that nominations go from the University Senate to the President, and

WHEREAS the current practice is to communicate nominations directly to the Board of Trustees by email, copying the President, and

WHEREAS the proposed language provides clarity to these areas of ambiguity, and

WHEREAS the Rules Committee approved this resolution and proposed language following its meeting on April 3, 2026;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this revision to Rule **3335-5-48.8** be approved by the University Senate and respectfully request concurrence of the Board of Trustees effective upon approval by the Board of Trustees.