

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

RAISING OBJECTIONS

1. Any Senator who objects to a nominee based on a perceived conflict of interest shall notify the Chairperson of the Academic Senate as soon as possible and, preferably, prior to the meeting scheduled for the election.
2. When an objection to a nominee is not raised prior to the meeting scheduled for the election, a concerned Senator may raise an objection at the Senate meeting and request that the election be postponed so that an objection regarding a perceived conflict of interest can be reviewed by the Senate Executive Board.
3. The identity of the nominee of concern and/or the reason for the objection shall not be disclosed or discussed during the Senate meeting.

REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT

4. When a Senator makes a request for postponement of an election consistent with the provisions stated above, such election shall immediately be removed from the current agenda without further debate or vote.

SENATE EXECUTIVE BOARD REVIEW

5. Upon receipt or notice of an objection to a nominee, the Chairperson of the Academic Senate shall communicate, in a timely manner, with both the nominee and the concerned Senator in an attempt to informally resolve the objection. This communication shall include disclosure to the nominee of all known and relevant information concerning the origin and nature of the objection.
6. If the issue is not informally resolved, the Senate Chairperson shall schedule the issue for the next Academic Senate Executive Board meeting that both of the involved parties can attend, unless one or both of the parties have waived their right to be present.
7. In its review, the members of the Executive Board may question any of the parties present, and shall consider all the available information when determining whether, in their judgment, the nominee's election would create a conflict of interest justifying removal of the nomination from the list slated for Senate election.
8. This determination by the Academic Senate Executive Board shall be made by a secret ballot, and a majority vote of those present shall constitute a final and binding resolution.