## Procedures for Selection of Natural Sciences and Social Sciences Division Chairs and the Director of Nursing

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In this document, "DC" refers to division chair or the director of the school of nursing. "Faculty" refers to all faculty represented by UHPA (I-2, I-3, I-4, I-5, and Junior Specialist).

Procedures for 2015-2016 Academic Year and beyond

The 2015 appointment of Natural Sciences and Social Sciences DCs and the Director of the School of Nursing will be conducted in accord with paragraph C of Article XXIII of the UHPA contract. In accordance with sub-section e of paragraph B of Article X of the contract, the faculty recommendations shall be based on a majority vote of all bargaining unit faculty members in the Division or the School of Nursing.

The procedures are as follows for 2016-2017 and beyond.

- 1. The Dean distributes a description of the DC's or Director's duties and sends out a call to the unit faculty to nominate DC candidates, who must be at the rank of I-4 or I-5. Self-nominations are appropriate.
- 2. After checking with each nominee to make sure that he/she is willing to serve, the Dean asks the candidate to produce a one-page statement that addresses what he or she hopes to accomplish as DC.
- 3. The current DC or Director produces a ballot with the names of all the candidates and distributes it—and the one-page statements—to the unit faculty. Faculty are given two weeks to complete their ballot and return it to the division secretary, who stores them in a closed ballot box. It is a secret ballot.
- 4. At the conclusion of the voting period, the votes are counted by two people, and the Division secretary communicates the results to the Dean and the unit faculty.
- The faculty recommendation for DC shall be the candidate receiving a majority of votes cast. If there is no majority, then a runoff election shall be held with the top two candidates. If there is only one nominee, then an election is not necessary.
- 6. The Dean selects the successful candidate based on the faculty recommendation and on feedback gathered at his/her discretion, as appropriate.
- 7. If the Dean's selection differs from the faculty recommendation, then the Dean must meet with the faculty and provide a written statement setting forth the reasons for selecting another candidate. This ensures compliance with paragraph C of article XXIII of the UHPA contract.