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Gregg,

The Honorary Degree Advisory Committee (HDAC) has approved the attached change to the method of selection for the Alternate Voting Member of the HDAC.

Rationale: The Committee would like to ask for nominations earlier in the fall semester, perhaps in mid-September when faculty have more time to consider the request. For this to be a possibility, the HDAC election process will have to be tweaked. Because of the timing of the university election process, all the HDAC committee seats are not filled until an alternate member is elected by the FEC and then approved by the FC at the first Faculty Council meeting in the Fall. To move the nomination process earlier in the semester, the HDAC would need to fill all the seats in the committee at an earlier date. We are proposing the alternate be elected in the Spring elections with the other open committee seats.

- Matt Wyse on behalf of Deb Ryan, Chair of the HDAC

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STANDING RULES OF THE FACULTY COUNCIL
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE

Article V, Section 6.B

B. Honorary Degree Advisory Committee

1. The Board of Trustees has the legal and moral right to grant honorary degrees in the name of the University. The Faculty assumes no responsibility for the awarding of honorary degrees. The Faculty is willing, however, to advise the Board of Trustees on this matter through the activity of the Honorary Degree Advisory Committee. The Committee is charged to work with the Trustees and the Chancellor to suggest individuals for honorary degrees.
2. The Honorary Degree Advisory Committee shall be composed of five faculty members, each to be elected for a two-year term, with two or three members elected each year. The chairperson shall be elected by the committee from among those serving their second year.
3. ~~At least one faculty member to serve as an alternate voting member will be nominated by the FEC and elected by the Faculty Council. Additional nominations may be made by any member of the Faculty Council at the time of election. An alternate who fills a vacancy on the committee shall serve until the next regularly scheduled election of committee members.~~ At least one faculty member to serve as an alternate voting member will be elected each year, for a one-year term.
4. Nomination and election to the Honorary Degree Advisory Committee shall be as provided in Article VI of the Faculty Constitution.
5. The Committee shall keep all of its deliberations confidential at all times and shall report only to the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor.