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Marc Pound
Chair
Elections, Representation & Governance (ERG) Committee

Dear Marc,

The Senate Executive Committee (SEC) reviewed the ERG Committee's advice regarding the "Amendment to the Process for Handling Tie-Breaks in Senate Elections 10-11-39" at its meeting on February 16, 2011. After a detailed discussion, the SEC agreed that the current process of a coin-toss to break ties was not necessarily the best practice. The committee voted to accept the ERG Committee's suggestion to have the "elected members from the relevant constituency serving on the SEC review the original candidacy statements of the tied individuals and select the winning candidate". It was decided that the Senate Chair would be the deciding vote in cases where the members of the SEC are divided. This new practice will be implemented beginning with the current election cycle.

On behalf of the SEC, I would like to thank you for your careful consideration of the issue and your wise counsel on how best to proceed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Linda Mabbs".

Linda Mabbs
Chair

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