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**Memorandum to:** Dr. Robert R. Bennett, Chair, University Affairs Board  
**From:** Louis R. Charpentier, Secretary of the Governing Council  
**Date:** December 21, 2004  
**Re:** **Revisions to the Constitution of the College of Electors**

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On behalf of the Chair of the Governing Council, I am conveying to you recommendations for changes to the Constitution of the College of Electors. The changes in practice have been recommended by the Special Committee to Review the Election Process for Alumni Governors and the Chancellor, and approved by the Executive Committee of the Governing Council.

The proposed changes fall into two categories:

- **codifying practice and clarifying responsibility** of the election and re-election process for the Chancellor, and
- **changes, primarily to update** the titles of positions and names of offices.

## **I. Codifying practice and clarifying responsibility of the election and re-election process for the Chancellor.**

- (a) The Special Committee recommended that the Constitution of the College of Electors be amended to require the consent of any candidate standing for the position of Chancellor.  
***Section VII A 4 (p.9) of the Constitution has been revised to implement this recommendation.***
- (b) The Special Committee recommended that the Constitution of the College be amended so that the current 'Expanded Executive' Committee become formally renamed a 'Search Committee'.  
***Section VII B 1- 7(pp 9-10) of the Constitution has been revised to implement this recommendation.***
- (c) The Special Committee recommended that the re-election of a Chancellor who would be willing to continue to serve be treated primarily as a **review** rather than a **de novo** election, and include an appropriate performance evaluation process.  
***Section VIII (pp. 11-12) has been added to the Constitution to implement this recommendation.***

## **II. Updates**

A number of changes have been made to reflect current language and practice.

- (a) The term 'Chairman' has been replaced with 'Chair'.
- (b) The term 'Vice-Chairman' has been replaced with 'Vice-Chair'.
- (c) References to 'telex' and 'telegram' have been updated to 'commonly used electronic means of communication'.
- (d) The name of the 'Department of Communication' has been updated to 'Department of Public Affairs'.
- (e) The name of the 'Department of Alumni Affairs' has been updated to 'Division of University Advancement'.