

## Rationale for Proposal for Change in Special Election Process for Adjunct Senator

**1. Identify the key Issue, novel situation, challenge, problem, etc.**

A vacancy arose for the adjunct senator position, term ending Spring 2025. According to the BC [Academic Senate Constitution and Bylaws](#), Article 5, Section 3d “Vacancies occurring at irregular times shall be filled by a special election within thirty days after the vacancy occurs, in accordance with the nomination and election procedures.” However, with the end of the semester coming, a different timeframe will be needed.

**2. Provide underlying rationale for addressing the issue.**

Senate approval is needed to suspend a rule of the body.

**3. Include any relevant background and institutional history.**

Senate has approved suspensions of this (and similar) rules in the past as extenuating circumstances arose.

**4. Anticipate opposing arguments.**

Alternatively, the election timeline will go into Winter Break.

**5. Articulate possible solution(s), highlighting support for the most desirable outcome.**

Call for nominations at the return of the Spring semester and use the following special election timeline:

Nominations Open, January 21<sup>st</sup>  
Nominations Close, February 4<sup>th</sup>  
Ballots Distributed, February 5<sup>th</sup>  
Ballots Close, February 12<sup>th</sup>