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Section 5. If, due to temporary absence or incapacity, neither the chair nor the past chair or chair-elect are able to serve in the capacity of chair, the Faculty Senate Steering Committee shall select a chair pro tempore from its membership. A chair pro tempore so appointed may not stand for chair in the next election.

Section 6. If the chair-elect is unable to continue in that capacity, a call for nominations to the position shall be issued. Election of a new chair-elect shall proceed as described in Section 2, except: a) there shall be at least 21 days between the call for nominations and the election, b) the election shall take place at the first possible meeting of the Faculty Senate, however no such election may be held in the first meeting of the academic year or in the summer meeting. The new chair-elect shall complete the term of the chair-elect being replaced, as described in Section 2.