Regulations for the Election of the Department Chair of the School of Forestry and Resource Conservation, College of Bioresources and Agriculture, National Taiwan University

Article 1

To facilitate the selection of the Department Chair of the School of Forestry and Resource Conservation (hereinafter referred to as "the Department") under the College of Bioresources and Agriculture, National Taiwan University (hereinafter referred to as "the College"), these regulations (hereinafter referred to as "the Regulations") are established by Article 17 of the "National Taiwan University Organizational Charter."

Article 2

The term of office for the Department Chair is three years and is generally limited to one term.

Article 3

Three months prior to the expiration of the Department Chair's term, a Departmental Affairs Meeting shall be convened to form the "Department Chair Election Committee" (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") to manage the selection process.

The Committee shall consist of five members: the current Department Chair and four elected faculty members. The Chair shall serve as the convener. Committee members shall serve until the new Chair takes office.

Article 4

The Election of the Department Chair shall be conducted in two stages.

Article 5

In the first stage, full-time faculty members of the Department who are salaried by the University (hereinafter referred to as "full-time faculty") shall, within a designated period, anonymously recommend up to four full-time faculty members holding the rank of professor or associate professor.

Faculty members who did not pass the most recent evaluation stipulated in the "National Taiwan University Faculty Evaluation Guidelines" are not eligible to be nominated.

The top three nominees with the highest recommendations shall advance as candidates to the second stage. If any top nominees withdraw, they shall be

replaced according to the number of recommendations received.

This stage is valid only if at least four-fifths of the full-time faculty participate in voting.

Article 6

In the second stage, full-time faculty members shall vote for up to two of the three candidates from the first stage.

The two candidates with the most votes will be recommended for the following Department Chair. At least one of the two must receive votes from half of the voters. If no candidate receives votes from at least half of the voters, a second round of voting shall be held immediately.

In the second round, the two candidates with the most votes will again be recommended, provided that at least one receives votes from at least half of the voters. If this condition is still not met, a third round of voting shall be conducted immediately.

In the third round, the two candidates with the highest number of votes shall be the recommended candidates.

If any recommended candidate withdraws, replacements will be determined based on the vote counts.

This stage is valid only if at least two-thirds of the full-time faculty participate in voting.

Article 7

Once the recommended candidates for the following Department Chair are selected, the current Chair shall report to the Dean of the College, who will then submit the recommendation to the University President for appointment.

Article 8

If the Department Chair resigns or cannot perform duties for more than six consecutive months, they must resign.

If two-thirds or more of the full-time faculty sign a petition and the Departmental Affairs Meeting resolves by a two-thirds majority that the Chair is unfit for the position, the Dean of the College shall request the University President to remove the Chair before the end of the term.

An acting Chair shall form a new Selection Committee within one month of the resignation or removal of the former Chair and proceed with the selection process by these Regulations.

Article 9

These Regulations shall come into effect upon approval by both the Departmental Affairs Meeting and the College Affairs Meeting and shall be implemented from the date of promulgation.