Suggested Proposal to Create Online e-Voting for Delegates-at-Large

1. Eligible voters entered into a database in advance.

2. Link to the voting page from the college website. *[Steps 2-3 use exRosters as a model or as a database source?]*

3. Voters sign on with a username and password, which takes them to the ballot page.  *Ineligible voters get a message: “sorry, you are ineligible to vote; contact election administrators for an explanation; please print this page”*

4. Ballot appears as checkboxes, and voters can check multiple boxes up to the positions available. At the bottom of the page is a SUBMIT button.

5. Clicking SUBMIT
   a. sends the voter choices to a central database that records the choices anonymously
   b. ends the voter’s eligibility – after SUBMIT is clicked once, the username and password cannot be used again; this ensures that only one ballot may be cast by each voter
   c. triggers an emailed voter receipt; an automatic direct email, or, as in exRosters, a summary page that voters are encouraged to print out and keep until after the election is completed.

6. The voting is only accessible from a specific start date until a specific end date, but will be accessible throughout the voting period, day and night.

7. A database of voters (not linked to their actual votes) should be accessible throughout the election to the election administrators, so they can keep track of turnout.

8. At the conclusion of the voting period, the results database will be made accessible to election administrators, who will disseminate the results to the college community.

Key Issues:
- Secure access restricted to eligible voters
- Ensuring that voters may cast only one ballot
- Ensuring that votes are tallied and counted accurately
- Allowing an option for ballots to be printed out as a safeguard
- Allowing a manual eligibility override in case eligible voters were accidentally omitted from the original list
- Creating voting ballots that work on multiple platforms (PC, Mac)