



**University Senate
Annual Committee Report
Academic Year 2020-2021**

Section I

Name of Committee: Committee on Committees

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Membership Roster:

- Elham Fini, Tempe Campus
- Alyssa W. Chamberlain, Downtown Campus
- Rong Pan, Tempe Campus
- Liza Hita, West Campus
- Alissa Ruth, Tempe Campus
- Janice Connell, Downtown Campus
- Pamela Harris, Tempe Campus

Overview Narrative:

The following summarizes committee work accomplished throughout this past year:

1. **Staff the University Senate Standing Committees.** Following selections for committee service, an affirmation vote was held at the August, 31 2020 University Senate meeting to appoint new members to the standing committees.
2. **Recruit Candidates for the Academic Assembly Elections.** In preparation for the annual spring elections, nominees from the academic assembly were received for campus president-elect and the elected committees in December 2021 and January 2021.
3. **Facilitate the Academic Assembly Elections.** The Committee Chair coordinates and oversees the academic assembly elections. The nominations process began with candidate recruitment in January 2021 and elections were held in March/April 2021 (March 31 – April 7, 2021).

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Section II

Request for Consultations and/or topics reviewed by the committee and outcomes (topics reviewed by the committee decided not to act/review should be listed here with, no action taken):

Much of work was accomplished by email throughout the year. The committee met via Zoom as a nominations committee for the academic assembly elections to identify potential candidates for president-elect and the elected committees.

Section III

Request for Consultations and/or topics that were not started or remain unfinished and need to be carried over to the next academic year.

No outstanding business from this year.

Section IV

Recommendations to the Senate or Final Comments

The new Engage Elections app made creating elections/ballots easy for the Academic Assembly elections. However, the distribution lists received by the Provost office continue to be an issue for communications about the elections and receiving ballots. Continued work to make sure the distribution lists are accurate for all faculty and academic professionals is vital.

Anecdotally, it seems that many faculty and academic professionals who are not involved (or been involved in the past) with the Senate do not understand the importance of the Academic Assembly elections and faculty governance. The number of faculty and Aps who voted was low. While this could be for any number of reasons, one potential reason is failure to understand the process. More work needs to be done to advertise and promote shared faculty governa