



## University Senate Annual Committee Report Academic Year 2014-15

### Section I

**Name of Committee:** Committee on Committees

**Submitted by:** Chris Kyselka, Chair and Assoc Academic Professional, Fulton Schools of Engineering

**Date Submitted:** May 13, 2015

**Roster:**

- Andrzej Czygrinow, Math and Statistical Sciences
- Keith Hollinger, Letters and Sciences
- Shane Johnson, Electrical, Computer and Energy Engineering
- Judy Krysik, Social Work
- Chris Kyselka, Polytechnic School

### Overview Narrative

The following summarizes committee work accomplished throughout this past year:

- 1) Staffing University Senate Standing Committees. Following selections for committee service, an affirmation vote was held at the September 2014 University Senate meeting to appoint new committee members.
- 2) In preparation for the academic assembly elections, nominees were identified for campus president-elect and the elected University Senate committees.
- 3) The Committee Chair oversees the academic assembly elections. The nominations process began in October 2014 and elections were held in May 2015.
- 4) The Provost's office consults with the Committee Chair to recommend faculty and academic professionals for the Roster of Boards, Committees and Councils. Recommendations were forwarded in April 2015.

### Section II

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

The committee met three times during the fall to plan for the academic assembly elections, focusing on identifying nominees for president-elect and the elected committees. The Provost's office contacted the

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*(Committee on Committees, cont'd)*

Committee Chair to request members for the Roster of Boards, Committees and Councils as vacancies occurred throughout the academic year. The Committee Chair consulted with the Provost's office in reference to anticipated vacancies on and nominees for the Roster of Boards, Committees and Councils in the upcoming 2015-16 academic year. Also, the Committee Chair served on the Grievance Policies and Procedures Task Force to review existing policy pertaining to grievance committee staffing and organization.

### **Section III**

**Request for Consultations that were not started or remain unfinished at the end of this academic year.**

None, there is no outstanding business from this year.

### **Section IV**

**Recommendations to the Senate or Final Comments**

Regarding the academic assembly elections, the shortage of sufficient numbers of candidates for campus president-elect and the faculty elected committees is a recurring theme as evidenced by uncontested elections. The process of identifying nominees started earlier than ever; however, an earlier start had no impact on contested elections. The academic professionals were able to hold contested elections for the Academic Professional Grievance and Academic Professional Status committees. The changes in the membership of the faculty grievance committees may assist with the issue of sufficient elected representatives from each campus; otherwise, the challenge of contested elections for and representation on these most important faculty governance opportunities will linger. Further active engagement in the process of identifying candidates and potential leaders may also help this situation improve.

Although the committee started much earlier with the election process, including an established timeline that all stakeholders were committed to, the academic assembly elections were delayed by three months. The consequences of this delay underscores the importance of maintaining the established procedure and timeline for elections.

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