

Section I

Name of Committee: Committee on Committees

Submitted by: Paul Carrese, Chair; Professor, School of Civic & Economic Thought and Leadership, Tempe Campus

Date Submitted: April 22, 2022

Membership Roster:

Chair:

- [Paul Carrese](#), School of Civic and Economic Thought and Leadership, Tempe campus 2023

Members

- [Elham Fini](#), Sustainable Engineering and Built Environment, Tempe campus 2022
- [Alyssa W. Chamberlain](#), Criminology and Criminal Justice, Downtown campus 2022
- [Rong Pan](#), Computing, Informatics, and Decision Systems Engineering, Tempe campus 2022
- [Alissa Ruth](#), Human Evolution and Social Change, Tempe campus 2022
- [Janice Connell](#), Health Solutions, Downtown campus 2022
- [David Burel](#), Interdisciplinary Humanities and Communication, Polytechnic campus 2023

Campus Presidents (ex officio voting members):

- [Johannah Uiri-Glover](#), Downtown Phoenix campus
- [Chris Kyselka](#), Polytechnic campus
- [LaDawn Haglund](#), Tempe campus
- [Mary Burleson](#), West campus

Ex officio (non-voting):

- Michael M. Crow, University President
- Nancy Gonzales, Executive Vice President and University Provost

Overview Narrative:

The following summarizes committee work accomplished throughout this past year:

1. **Fall 2021, Staff the University Senate Standing Committees.** Following the selections for committee service, Committee on Committees chair Chris Kyselka proposed the slate of new standing committee members at Senate meeting #2, September 27, 2021; the vote affirmed the proposed slate (97-0-11).

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2. **Recruit Candidates for Spring 2022 Academic Assembly Elections.** I joined the Committee, and as chair, after the Fall 2021 process of staffing the standing committees was completed. The Committee's work in the latter part of the Fall and into Spring 2022 initially focused on recruiting qualified candidates for the Spring 2022 Academic Assembly elections. The Senate staff – Maria and Alzira – were very helpful in guiding a novice chair through the procedures and protocols, and Maria and I sought advice or approval from the Senate President, Eduardo Pagán, as needed. The committee met in February and March to plan the solicitation of nominees for the positions needed in the Spring election cycle – for Campus President-Elect (four campuses), for the two Faculty grievance committees (CAFT, Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure; GGC, Governance Grievance Committee), and for the Academic Professional Grievance Committee, APGC. All the Committee on Committees members worked cooperatively to solicit (recruit) nominees, including in a second-round effort after we agreed we didn't have a sufficient turnout from the initial effort. By early April, in coordination with the chair and with Maria, we had secured qualified nominees for all the President-Elect positions, including a competitive election on the Tempe campus. We also secured qualified nominees on the Tempe, Downtown, and West campuses for all the vacancies on the faculty grievance committees (CAFT and GGC) and on these three campuses for the vacancies on the APGC. In the end we could not get nominees to represent the Poly campus for the two faculty committees, GGC or CAFT; the nominated faculty declined, and we couldn't rustle up any further candidates.
3. **Facilitate the Spring 2022 Academic Assembly Elections.** By the first week of April Committee members had coordinated with the chair to secure the candidate information and candidacy statements from all the nominees, in order to prepare the ballots. Maria and Eduardo took the lead on building the 8 separate ballots needed for the Spring 2022 Academic Assembly elections; a faculty ballot and academic professional ballot for each of the four campuses. The first election notice email message was sent by President Pagán on April 11, notifying all Academic Assembly members that voting would occur April 21 to 27, and including the link to the appropriate ballot per campus. The certification committee (Senate president, chair of the Committee on Committees and the four campus presidents, Senate secretary, and Senate manager) will meet in early May to certify the election results and prepare the announcement.

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 the work of the Committee was conducted via email throughout the year. The Committee met via Zoom as a nominations committee for the spring Academic Assembly Elections to identify potential candidates for the president positions and elected committees, and to encourage each other to solicit nominees.

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 Committee was generally successful; in Fall, staffing the standing committees; in Spring, recruiting nominees for Academic Assembly Elections – for campus president-elect, and the faculty grievance committees (Academic Freedom and Tenure; Governance Grievance), and Academic Professional Grievance Committee. All vacant positions had ballot candidates, except Poly representation on the faculty committees. Senate staffers Maria and Alzira provided crucial institutional memory and support on all schedule and logistical issues, with support from President Eduardo Pagán. Senate leaders should continually encourage senators to share news of the Senate's work with Academic Assembly members, to increase the pool of colleagues care about shared governance and would be willing to stand for election to serve.