

University Senate Annual Committee Report Academic Year 2016-2017

Section I

Name of Committee: Committee on Committees

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Roster:

- Peter Goggin, English
- Erika Hughes, Film, Dance & Theatre
- Eric Kostelich, Math & Statistical Science
- Hank Fradella, Criminology & Criminal Justice
- Claudia Villegas-Silva, Humanities Arts & Cultural
- Chris Kyselka, Polytechnic School
- Senate campus presidents serve as ex officio members.

(note: seats remained unfilled this year due to staffing needs of other standing committees)

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 September 2016 University Senate meeting to appoint new committee members.
2. **Recruit Candidates for the Academic Assembly Elections.** In preparation for the annual spring elections, nominees were identified by survey for campus president-elect and the elected committees in November 2016.
3. **Facilitate the Academic Assembly Elections.** The Committee Chair coordinates and oversees the Academic Assembly elections. The nominations process began with candidate recruitment in November and elections were held in April 2017.
4. **Recruit Members for the Provost's Roster of Boards, Committees and Councils.** The Provost's office consults with the Committee Chair to recommend faculty and academic

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professionals for the Provost's committees. Recommendations were forwarded in April 2017.

Section II

Request for Consultations and/or topics reviewed by the committee and outcomes:

While the majority of work was accomplished by email throughout the year, the committee met twice to plan for the Academic Assembly elections, focusing on identifying nominees for president-elect and the elected committees.

The Provost's office contacted the Committee Chair to request members for the Roster of Boards, Committees and Councils as vacancies occurred throughout the 2016-17 academic year. The Provost's office consulted with the Committee Chair in reference to anticipated vacancies and nominees for the Roster of Boards, Committees and Councils for the 2017-18 academic year.

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

Regarding the Academic Assembly elections, the shortage of sufficient numbers of candidates for campus president-elect and the elected committees is a recurring theme as evidenced by uncontested elections. Further active engagement by Senate leadership in the process of identifying candidates and potential leaders would help this situation improve. The UAC has indicated that cultivation and leadership engagement will be a focus for the next academic year.

Changes to the Constitution and Bylaws were proposed, to include the following: easing requirements for representation from the smaller campuses on the standing committees to provide for balanced distribution of workload among all campuses. Also, there were changes proposed that clarify election policy such as the duration of election.

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