

2012-13 University Senate Report Committee on Committees

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The following summarizes committee work accomplished throughout this past year.

Three preference surveys were issued:

(1) University Senate mini-preference survey in September 2012, to solicit members for Senate Standing Committees. Committees were staffed shortly thereafter.

(2) Academic Assembly Fall Preference Survey in November 2012, to solicit nominations for campus President-elect, Committee on Academic Freedom and Tenure, Governance Grievance, Academic Professional Grievance Committee and Committee on Academic Professional Status

(3) University Committee Preference Survey in April 2012, to solicit assembly member preferences for the Provost Roster of Boards, Committees and Councils

With survey results, the committee utilized responses to make recommendations for standing committees, recruit candidates for the spring elections and respond to requests for members from the Provost's office for boards, committees and councils as needed.

In addition, members were identified and nominated for the new Non-Tenure Track committee, a senate standing committee. This committee is now part of the process for staffing senate committees each fall. Members were also identified and nominated to serve on the Constitution and Bylaws and New Governance Model for the UAC, two tasks forces introduced this year.

The process for the spring assembly elections involved the committee chair, committee members from each campus, and campus presidents. This group worked together to identify candidates and coordinate campus elections in consultation with the University Senate Secretary. Assistance with senate elections included University Senate Secretary Judy Grace, Linda Glover (Educational Outreach and Student Services), Carol Peplow (Provost's Office) and Charles Barbee, (University Senate office).

The Tempe, West and Downtown Academic Assembly elections were complete as of April 10, 2013. As of the date of this annual report, the election for academic professionals at Polytechnic campus is in progress.

Committee Issues

Academic Assembly Elections. Tempe was the only campus able to field a full slate of nominees for each available office; otherwise, uncontested elections continued to prevail. In the case of West and Downtown, uncontested elections were held. Polytechnic was not able to field a slate for faculty candidates. This challenge of securing candidates and holding contested elections for these most important faculty governance opportunities needs to be addressed. The chair of the Constitution and Bylaws committee was contacted regarding campus representation requirements for committees as a consideration that might be a partial solution to identifying candidates for election.

University Committee Preference Survey. The university committee preference survey that identifies assembly member preferences for committee and board appointment has gone out every year and some discussion occurred whether this could happen every two years. The Committee makes recommendations to the Provost as vacancies for rosters, boards and councils occur. As faculty and academic professional availability varies due to sabbaticals or responsibilities, the recommendation was made to survey the assembly each year. While only a handful of committee vacancies occurred this past year, having a current list of available members warrants an annual survey.

The Committee on Committees would like to thank the following individuals who contributed significantly to our efforts throughout the year: Charles Barbee, Darby Shaw, Linda Glover Barnett and Carol Peplow.

Respectfully submitted,



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