

Faculty Senate Elections and University Nominations Committee
September 18, 2017

Present: Nicola Mason, Randall Swain, Todd Gooch, Sarah Perez, Stephanie Adams
Guests: Sherry Robinson, Garrett Yoder, Gus Benson

1. Review minutes 4.24.2017 (passed unanimously)
 2. Elect chair. Nicola Mason nominated by Gooch. Seconded by Swain (passed unanimously)
 3. Discussion on current “new” election procedure
- Committee chairs expressed concern about getting a diversity of disciplines and/or appropriate representation (e.g gender diversity, ethnic)
 - Preferred: Work with committee to review self-nominations, transparency
 - Issue has always been getting people to self-nominate and promoting the process
IDEAS: forum (one for each college, in different venues (Perkins/Stratton), new faculty orientation, Chairs meetings)

Questions to consider: does the diversity required by committee match diversity of ECU? Are we simply trying to increase diversity from a uniform diverse population.

Request from Robinson: All elections procedures are communicated with her instead of the President’s office (chief of staff). Have senate vote on nominees instead of faculty-at-large.

Recommendations:

Elect vacancies + pool of nominees (for unexpected vacancies during the year)
Include communication from Robinson to Deans (Senate is holding elections, please encourage Deans/department).

Focus on: PARTICIPATION – PROMOTION – PROCESS

Robinson: would prefer to work with committee chairs and elections committee to select nominees. Invite committee chairs to meetings.
Discussion of nominations and hand selection (issue of lack of transparency).

Adjourn: 10:12am