

Faculty Senate Elections and University Nominations Committee  
Sept. 25, 2017

Present: Nicola Mason, Randall Swain, Todd Gooch, Sarah Perez, Stephanie Adams

1. Reviewed and unanimously passed minutes of Sept. 18, 2017, meeting (Adams motioned, second by Gooch)
2. Mason provided background on Committee responsibilities and charges from the Faculty Handbook and Faculty Senate Executive Committee. (see attached)
3. Discussion of election procedures for university standing committees
  - a. Recap of debate from last meeting: university standing committee chairs and Dr. Robinson expressed concern about having faculty elections from self-nominees for open committee positions. Their stated concern was that it did not ensure that elected committee members met needed qualifications; that not all vacant positions were filled; and there was not adequate faculty participation in the election. They further argued that the former procedure of the committee filling positions from self-nominees was a better at ensuring diversity and that the needs of the university standing committees were better met.
  - b. Mason provided background on the motion to the Faculty Senate regarding the procedure to fill open position on the university standing committees. After receiving faculty feedback that there was a lack of transparency in the process, the Elections and University Nominations (EUN) Committee made a motion to the Faculty Senate to use faculty elections for open committee positions. This motion carried in Dec. 2016.
  - c. The first elections were held in Spring 2017. The response rate to the ballots was 28% (514 ballots distributed, 145 completed). There were positions that could not be filled due to a lack of qualified self-nominees.
  - d. The EUN Committee discussed concerns of Dr. Robinson and university standing committee chairs. The committee felt that including the university standing committee chairs in a meeting to determine the criteria for self-nominees for vacant positions and then including committee chairs in a review of all self-nominees to ensure they met the criteria would address the concern about meeting the needs of the committee. In order to ensure more self-nominees for the university standing committee positions, the EUN Committee will provide support for forums to educate faculty members about the university standing committees. The EUN Committee agreed that a response rate of 28% to the election ballot was fairly typical.
  - e. Mason will present a report to the Executive Committee for feedback regarding this discussion.
4. Meeting dates for the rest of the semester and Spring 2018 were set as follows:

10/23/17	9 a.m. at Java City
11/20/17	9 a.m. at Java City
1/30/18	3:30 p.m. at Java City
2/20/18	3:30 p.m. at Java City
3/20/18	3:30 p.m. at Java City
4/17/18	3:30 p.m. at Java City
5/8/18	3:30 p.m. at Java City

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.