

Senate Nominating Committee
September 26, 2005
Minutes

Present: Chris Batich, Doug Cenzer, Elaine Turner, Stephen Holland, Mike Katovich,
Gail Sasnett, Carol Ritzen Kem, Chair

The committee chair electronically reported the following to the committee before the September 26, 2005 organizational meeting:

“Over the summer I met with Kim Tanzer (senate chair), Amelia Hugus (senate secretary) and Nancy Bibbo (who oversees the membership of and paperwork surrounding the joint and presidential committees). We tied up a few loose ends from the previous academic year. Nancy will provide us with a report on the use of the nominations we forwarded for appointment to joint and presidential committees and she will go back and provide us with that information for the 2004-2005 academic year as well. I expect we will have this in about a month. According to Nancy there are still some committees for which appointments are not complete. The Faculty Welfare Council and the Senate Steering Committee are also interested in this information so we will share it when it is complete.

Working with Kim, I recommended a calendar for nominations for and election to the faculty councils. The call for nominations will go out to the senate list on September 1. Nominations will be accepted until 5 pm on September 23. At the 9/22 senate meeting I will provide an update on nominations to date, indicate any councils where we still need nominees and remind senators of the deadline for nominations. All nominations will be made electronically and will go to Amelia. I will meet with her before the senate meeting to see where we are with this. In the call for nominations prospective nominees will be encouraged to go to the senate website to review the charge of each council and any minutes or other documents posted. They will be asked to contact the chair of a council for which they have an interest if they have any specific questions. If you are asked about the process, remind people that only currently sitting VOTING senators are eligible for election to the policy councils.

What is our role (in the policy council election process)? As we did last year, we will review the nominees and make sure there is an adequate slate for each council. If someone nominates her/himself for more than one council, we are authorized to slate them for the council we feel most appropriate. We need to do this for balance and broad campus representation. We will need to meet right after the close of nominations to review the names and create the slate”.

Activities at the meeting:

New committee members, Elaine Turner and Doug Cenzer, were introduced at the September 26 meeting.

The chair reported that all nominees recommended for appointment to presidential committees for 2005-2006 received an email notice during the summer of this recommendation. Nancy Bibbo and Amelia Hugus assisted with the notification. This was a recommendation of the 2004-2005 committee in response to comments from faculty who self-nominated for committees but did not have any knowledge as to whether they were considered for appointment. The email stated that the nominating committee reviewed all nominations and that the recipient of the email had been recommended for appointment to “one or more joint or presidential committees.”

The committee reviewed the nominees for policy councils, reviewed the work of the committee during the 2004-2005 year, discussed the report of summer activities provided by the chair, discussed the proposed method for nominating replacement members for committees when vacancies arise and developed a tentative meeting schedule for spring semester, 2006, the period when most of the formal work of nominations will occur.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Carol Ritzen Kem, chair