

Membership & Elections Committee

Academic Year 2022/2023 Annual Report

Members:

Chair: Brian Hill
Member: Lisa Marquette
Member: Joshua Sokoloski
Member: Mark Walter
Member: Stacy McGrath
Member: Vinita Agarwal
Faculty Senate Designee & Member: Jeffrey Emmert

Regular Duties:

During the fall and spring semesters, the Committee updated the Faculty database before elections were called. The Committee worked together to ensure the database was as accurate as possible. Maintaining a perfect faculty list is challenging because the list is very dynamic due to retirement, sabbatical leaves, resignations, and new hires.

The Committee continually updated the Committee Master Document to accurately reflect membership changes and current faculty representation to all governance committees. This document was forwarded to the Faculty Senate Webmaster to ensure the Senate & Consortium Committee webpages reflect the actual membership for each committee.

M&E executed its regular charge of running elections for the Senate, Senate Committees, GEOC Advisory Subcommittees, and faculty positions for the Consortium, and other committees. Self-Nominations were run during fall and spring semesters to replace faculty on sabbatical or on leave. Special elections were also completed to fill vacancies due to resignation and retirements for Unit and At-Large seats.

Bylaw Amendments:

The committee executed two bylaw amendments. A proposal to change the Faculty Senate Bylaws to include part-time tenured and tenure track faculty in the Faculty Senate's definition of Faculty and a proposal to dissolve the Honors College Committee were sent to the faculty for vote and were approved with at least 75 faculty voting and at least 2/3 of those votes were in favor of the amendment (Faculty Senate Bylaws change faculty definition – Yes: 132, No: 12; Dissolve Honors College Committee – Yes: 117, No: 31).

Senate Charges:

There were no formal charges from the Faculty Senate.