

## **Faculty Senate Governance Report For the 2015-2016 Senate year:**

Reviewed the Faculty Senate ByLaws in coordination with FS Parliamentarian.

Preparation of a manual for use regarding senate and voting processes and procedures.

FSG tested the use of BigPulse, an electronic voting tool, to carry out selected Faculty Senate electoral responsibilities. FSG encountered scheduling issues in the use of BigPulse to carry out the elections. For example, if no nominations are received by FSG from faculty in response to UA committee vacancy announcements, then the Faculty Senate election schedule is delayed. Such delays make for difficulties in coordinating with Academic Affairs and OIT to use BigPulse. In short, the Faculty Senate elections processes warrant direct, hands-on, control of the electronic voting process while the use of BigPulse requires coordination with other UA units outside of FSG's control.

FSG carried out faculty senate elections for the following committees. Please see the faculty members elected to serve as well as their rank and division/divisional/school affiliation:

- UA Mediation Committee: Steven Hobbs, Professor, Law, and Joy Burnham, Professor, Education
- UA Merger and Discontinuance of Academic Units: Steve Miller, Professor, Communication and Information Sciences

FSG sent to the Provost a slate of candidates nominated to serve on the following committee. Note the faculty member who was selected as well as his rank and affiliation:

- UA Participation in the Selection of Deans, Department Chairs, and in the Evaluation of Academic Programs: Yueben Guo, Professor, Engineering

FSG sought nominations for Faculty Ombudsperson. Names of candidates have been distributed by the FS secretary to each division/divisional/school for voting purposes.

- Subhadra Gupta, Professor, Engineering
- Heath Turner, Professor, Engineering

FSG will conduct Faculty Senate Officer elections at the March FS meeting. Nominees listed below:

- for FS President, Donna Meester, Associate Professor, A&S Theatre and Dance
- for FS Vice President, Rona Donahoe, Professor, A&S Geology
- For FS Secretary, Robert Riter, Assistant Professor, Communication and Information Sciences

FSG has made progress toward the incorporation of recommendations listed in Task Report II. Please review the Faculty Senate Activity Report on Task Report II for details.

## **FSG Plans for the 2016-2017 Year**

Test the use of Qualtrics for electronic voting of selected electoral responsibilities of the Faculty Senate.

Carry out electoral responsibilities in a timely manner.

Continue work regarding Task Force Report II: Building on Strengths and Capitalizing on New Opportunities to Realize our Full Potential for Equity, Inclusivity, and Multicultural Richness

- As the strategic planning process progresses and implementation begins, we recommend the ongoing assessment of the recommendations contained in categories one and three. Also, we recommend that Faculty and Senate Governance maintain responsibility for Task Force Report II during as the strategic planning process continues.
  1. It will be important to evaluate to what extent the strategic planning process captured the data categories identified in Task Force Report II.
  2. As the office of the Chief Diversity Officer is formalized, ensuring that this office has the necessary authority and mandate to address the issues identified by the Task Force will remain a concern of the Faculty Senate.