MINUTES OF THE NOMINATING ELECTIONS COMMITTEE OF THE

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Minutes of the Nomination/Election Committee - Nov 19.2019 meeting – Academic Senate office

Attending: Darnell Austin (Chair), Cari Earnhart, Janine Spencer, Alicia Brown, Kimberley Stillmaker, Andrea Arndofer, Kalyani Maitra, Jacquelin Curry

Start 4:10

1. Chair election.

No one offered to take over as chair, so Don Austin will continue. He notified the committee that he would continue for only one more year. Retirement looms.

1. The results of the recent voting was reviewed.
2. Randy Nedegarrd was put forward as a selection for the General Education Committee. As this was a write-in, he has the option to turn it down.
3. There was no clear winner for the seat on the graduate committee, so no recommendation was made.
4. There was confusion about the results for the University Board on Retention, Tenure, & Promotion committee. Because two colleges had available seats, we assumed the two sets of results reflected the two colleges. However it was noted by Jacqueline Curry that both who received top votes were from the Craig College of Business, each in a different set. Therefore, no recommendation was made.
5. Discussion of ways to improve the participation by faculty in the nomination process
6. Alicia mentioned that she gave a five-minute presentation to her fall college assembly (Kremen) about serving on committees. We discussed making such a presentation to the Spring University assembly and to our individual colleges.
7. Austin will make a short video for “call to service”. Committee will review it and once approved (after edits) will be sent forward to possibly be included in the email for Spring nominations.
8. We discussed ways to reduce the obstacles to nomination. Such as reducing the number of signatures needed for nomination. Also increasing the time from call for nomination to close of nomination.
9. Create a webpage showing all committees and vacancies. This would be useful for mentors to new hires.
10. Look into the timing of the meetings of key committees. Are these scheduled for the convenience of ad hoc administrators or for faculty? They seem to land on popular teaching times.

Adjourned 4:50

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