

Membership and Elections Committee

Academic Year 2024/2025 Annual Report

Members:

Chair: Joshua Sokoloski

Member: Claudia Burgess

Member: Ning Li

Member: Lisa Marquette

Member: Mark Walter

Faculty Senate Designee and Member: Jeffry Emmert

Regular Duties

Maintaining Faculty Database

In the fall and spring, the Committee updated our faculty database to reflect changes due to new hires, promotions, tenure status, retirements, resignations, and leaves. This year, this duty was particularly challenging due to the university's transition to Workday. HR was unable to give us the traditional list of changes, but working with the provost's office, the Committee was able to keep the database as current and accurate as possible.

Filling Committee Vacancies via Elections and Appointments

The Committee executed its regular duty for running elections for Unit and At-Large positions on the Faculty Senate, the Senate Standing Committees, the GEOC sub-committees, Consortium committees, and other faculty committees on the university level. These elections took place at the start of the fall and the end of the spring semesters and were administered via our voting app. At the start and end of every semester, one semester vacancies were filled via email self-nominations for seats that were held by faculty on sabbatical or non-sabbatical leave.

Maintaining Committee Membership Database

Throughout the whole course of the Committee's duties, the database of committee membership was regularly updated after every round of elections and due to resignations or changes in faculty status. This database is submitted to the Faculty Senate at the end of every semester.

Senate Charges

At the request of the Faculty Senate, the Committee ran a special election to fill seats on the Fiscal Advisory Committee of the Consortium and the Senate Standing Promotions Committee at the start of the spring semester.