Committee on Committees and Agenda (CoCA) 2013-2014 Annual Report

Committee Membership:

Chris Kalberg (Chair), Nancy Evans and Bianca Cody Murphy

Meetings:

CoCA met biweekly during the fall semester and weekly during the spring semester.

Summer 2013:

CoCA met a number of times during the summer of 2013 to determine a selection process for the three faculty representatives to the Presidential Search Committee. Tommy Ratliff, Gabriella Torres, and Shawn Christian were elected by the two-stage nominating ballot and final ballot process to represent the faculty on that Committee.

Fall Semester:

The beginning of the Fall semester brought several reserve list appointments to a number of Standing Committees:

- Tenure – Hyun Kim all cases (for Darlene Boroviak)
- Tenure – Nancy Evans 4 cases and Nancy Kendrick 2 cases (for Shawn Christian)
- Tenure – Rochelle Leibowitz two cases (for Elita Pastra-Landis, Geoffrey Collins)
- Provost’s Advisory – Rochelle Leibowitz (for Robert Morris, Fall 2013)
- Educational Policy – Chris Kalberg (for John Kricher, Fall 2013)
- Educational Policy – James Freeman (for Javier Trevino, Full Year)

CoCA began a general review of Faculty Legislation PART ONE – THE FACULTY, VIII. FACULTY COMMITTEES in an effort to identify inconsistencies and to bring updates needed to Legislation to the faculty for discussion.

The other business of CoCA during the Fall semester centered around updating internal documents and the database of Committee Memberships in anticipation of running elections for Faculty Committees in the Spring semester.

Additionally, CoCA began conversations with representatives of LIS about the possibility digital archiving of Faculty Meeting Minutes and other Committee documents. CoCA also began the task of updating the Faculty Committee section of the Provost’s Page on the Wheaton Website.

Spring Semester:

The election cycle for Faculty Committees was one major priority of CoCA during the Spring Semester. The results of those elections are shown below:
Tenure – Lisa Lebduska (two year term, HM)
Tenure – Michael Berg (three year term, SS)
Provost’s Advisory – Laura Eckstrom (two year term, NS)
Provost’s Advisory – Montserrat Perez (two year term, HM)
Provost’s Advisory – Charlotte Meehan (three year term, HM)
Committee on Committees and Agenda – Michael Gousie (three year term, NS)
Advisory – Matt Gingo (two year term, SS)
Advisory – Ellen McBreen (two year term, HM)
Advisory – Hector Medina (three year term, HM)
Educational Policy – Janice Sklensky (two year term, NS)
Educational Policy – Donna Kerner (three year term, SS)
Appeals and Hearings – Vicki Bartolini (three year term, SS)
Academic Standing – Jonathan Walsh (two year term, HM)
Academic Standing – Christina Riggs-Romaine (three year term, SS)
Scholarship and Promotion – William Goldbloom Bloch (three year position, NS)
Workload and Economic Status – Francisco de Alba (three year term, HM)
Workload and Economic Status – Laura Muller (three year term, NS)

Additionally, the following reserve list appointment was made for 2014-15:

Tenure – Nancy Kendrick (for Shawn Christian, all cases)

The Spring semester saw a flurry of activity and meetings surrounding the CoCA review of Faculty Legislation. PART ONE – THE FACULTY, VIII. FACULTY COMMITTEES. Results of these reviews centered around four issues: 1) Untenured faculty member service on Committees; 2) Order of elections and type of ballots; 3) Non-elected Committees; and 4) Budget Advisory Committee and Faculty PPC. These four issues were brought to the May 2, 2014 Faculty Meeting for discussion. The results of the discussions of the four issues will result in CoCA bringing changes to Faculty Legislation in the area of Order of elections and type of ballots in Fall 2014. Continued conversation with the College Administration about faculty input into the budget process will also continue with an eye toward forming some type of Administrative Budget and Planning Committee during the 2014-15 academic year.

Other Business:

CoCA chair Chris Kalberg worked with Faculty Secretary James Mancall to both review minutes from Faculty Meetings and to set the Agenda for each of the Faculty Meetings for the 2013-14 Academic Year.

The current members of CoCA encourage the 2014-15 members of CoCA to continue to pursue digital storage of Faculty documents and to complete the updates to the Faculty Committee section of the Provost’s Page on the Wheaton Website.

Respectfully submitted,
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