Committee Membership

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Fall Semester

In October, the CoCA ran the election for the Provost Search Committee. Because of some problems filling positions (in the form of elected faculty declining to serve), the election had to be run twice.

The problem of filling positions was acute in the spring of 2015, so in November CoCA met with AAUP officers and then was invited to a meeting to discuss the situation. One particular point that came out of the meeting was the issue of increased faculty workload. Part of the problem regarding elections is that not all committees and subcommittees are recognized or known by CoCA. This sometimes results in a candidate already serving on one or more committees being put on a ballot for yet another. CoCA has been collecting a list of all faculty involvement in committees to better gauge workload, with a goal of distributing the work more evenly (see last section for future work).

CoCA met with the Committee on Educational Policy (Ed Pol) to discuss their subcommittee elections, as they were having similar issues with filling positions. CoCA suggested that each subcommittee have at least one current Ed Pol member. It was also suggested that Ed Pol can continue to make its own committee membership decisions, but that they may want to give CoCA suggestions beforehand so that a potential candidate’s amount of service can be taken into account.

CoCA was also consulted about membership on various search and other ad hoc committees.

Spring Semester

At the start of the semester, CoCA switched to Qualtrics, the survey software now supported by the College.

In February, CoCA held elections for the Curriculum Steering Committee. The faculty elected to the committee were: Jani Benoit, Scott Gelber, Patrick Johnson, Gail Sahar, and Peony Fhagen.

The major task of CoCA during the spring was conducting the elections for Faculty Standing Committees. The results of those elections follow:

- Committee on Tenure: Bob Morris (3 year NS), Karen McCormack (2 year)
- Advisory Committee: Thandi Buthelezi (3 year NS), Patrick Johnson (2 year nontenured)
- Committee on Educational Policy: Kirk Anderson (3 year AH), Laura Ekstrom (2 year nontenured)
- Committee on Committees and Agenda: Matt Gingo (3 year SS)
- Provost’s Advisory Committee: Nancy Evans (3 year AH), Hilary Gaudette (2 year nontenured NS), Aubrey Westfall (2 year nontenured SS)
- Appeals and Hearing Committee: Talitha Espiritu (3 year AH)
- Committee on Academic Standing: Scott Shumway (3 year NS), Tripp Evans (3 year AH)
To Do in 2015-2016

Now that CoCA has a more comprehensive list of college-wide committees on which faculty serve, we will discuss which of these should be listed next to candidates’ names on ballots to give voters a better sense of their workload. In particular, the initial focus will be on the Budget and Planning Committee (BPC) and the Council on Inclusion and Diversity (CID). We may also wish to meet with Ed Pol to discuss the length of service on their subcommittees.

College-Wide Committees

- Budget and Planning Committee (BPC)
- Council on Inclusion and Diversity (CID)
- Institutional Review Board
- Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
- College Hearing Board
- Sexual Misconduct and Assault Resource Team (SMART)
- Wheaton College Fiduciary Committee
- Committee Supporting International Students
- Honor Code Commission
- May Fellows

Subcommittees of the Committee on Educational Policy

- Curriculum Evaluation
- Subcommittee on Self Initiated Connections
- First Year Seminar Steering Committee
- Global Education Advisory
- Undergraduate Research
- Writing Subcommittee
- Ad Hoc Subcommittee on Connections

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