

Standing Committee Report of the Elections Committee

The Elections Committee of the Faculty Senate is attempting to improve the elections process for electing the Chair and Co-chair of the Faculty Senate as well as the representatives to the various Standing Committees of the Faculty Senate. The spring elections have some problems. Specifically, the process takes too much time during the May meeting, there is too little time to meet the candidates, and the May election hampers our effort to involve the new senators who are seated during the May meeting.

Several suggestions have been brought forward regarding the improvement of the election process, which we would like the Faculty Senate to consider and discuss.

- 1) Nominate the Chair and Co-chair in April and hold the election in May.
- 2) Conduct nominations for Committee positions in May and hold the election for these positions in September. Information on the nominees would be provided on-line during the summer, allowing the members of the Faculty Senate to make more informed decisions. Hence, committee assignments would run from September to September, for example from Fall 2006 until Fall 2007.
- 3) Limit the number of Standing Committees a member of the Faculty Senate can serve on to two committees. Although each Faculty Senator could be nominated to serve on many committees, once a Faculty Senator is elected to two committees his/her nomination(s) to other committees would be rescinded.
- 4) Conduct the Faculty Senate Elections on-line.