Standing Committee Report of the Elections Committee

The Elections Committee of the Faculty Senate is continuing to study ways to improve the efficiency of Senate election processes. Two key issues regarding the conduct of the Regent’s election and the election of the Part-time Faculty representative are under discussion. A report on these election processes will be submitted to the Executive Committee in early January. Furthermore, several suggestions regarding the improvement of the election process are being discussed and ways of obtaining input from members of the Faculty Senate concerning the following suggestions are being developed.

1) 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 2007 until Fall 2008.

2) 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many committees, once a Faculty Senator is elected to two committees his/her nomination(s) to other committees would be rescinded.

3) Conduct the Faculty Senate Elections on-line.