

Committee on Committees Report
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The committee met on Thursday, November 16th to plan to address the two charges of the committee. The committee identified three action steps for the upcoming year:

1. Contact the former Chair of Committee on Committees to learn how to recommend faculty for the various university committees (I.e., to complete our primary purpose);
2. Obtain archived lists of university committees for the past 10 years and analyze to determine if a problem actually exists regarding faculty who are sitting on too many university-level committees; and
3. Obtain minutes of all university-level committees over the past 10 years to determine activity and develop a recommended list of committees that could effectively be merged or deactivated.

The committee spent a significant amount of time discussing part B of Charge 1: determine methods by which [committee-based] service is judged and weighed at the time of promotion and tenure. The committee is in the process of drafting a report to the Executive Committee that effectively explains the philosophy of the Committee on Committees regarding this task. Such letter will be delivered to the Executive Committee at the beginning of the Spring semester.