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Annual Report of the Committee on Committees for the Academic Year 2015-2016.

The Committee consisted of Ioannis D. Evrigenis (Chair), Kathleen Camara, Lenore Cowen, Sarah Pinto, and Chris Swan. Harry Bernheim served as the representative of the Executive Committee

In addition to its regular meetings, to arrange nominations and elections, the Committee held a meeting with Roger Tobin, Chair of the Executive Committee, and Dean James Glaser, to discuss issues of faculty governance, service, and participation.

Beyond regular appointments, the Committee made recommendations to Dean Glaser regarding the constitution of a faculty working group that would aid in the acquisition of the School of the Museum of Fine Arts. The Committee also worked closely with the Executive Committee and the Tenure & Promotion Committee, to develop the bylaw changes that increased the membership of the latter. Although we supported the proposal, we noted the considerable difficulty that the Committee has had historically in recruiting candidates for the Tenure & Promotion Committee, difficulty that would only increase with the need for more candidates, with several more required from the School of Engineering. The first attempt at filling the new positions bore that concern out. The Committee raised the issue in its meeting with the Chair of the Executive Committee and Dean Glaser, and noted that the Deans of the School of Arts & Sciences and of the School of Engineering would have to rethink the incentives intended to offset the demands of serving on the Tenure & Promotion Committee.

The Committee also proposed to the Executive Committee that the bylaws governing re-election be changed as follows:

Committee on Committees proposal for the amendment of Article IV Section 3 (b) of the Bylaws of the Faculty of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering, as approved by the AS&E Faculty on April 23, 2014.
Current version:

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Proposed version:

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Rationale:

According to the Bylaws, "If a duly elected member of a committee cannot serve for any portion of the term, the runner-up for that committee at the most recent regular or special election shall be declared elected if the runner-up is available and is eligible" [3 (d)].

According to the existing version of 3 (b), if such a change occurs before the midpoint of a term, the member who has stepped onto the committee is not allowed to run for a full term for two years, even if he or she is willing to continue on the committee. The Committee on Committees recommends that those who have served less than a full term be allowed to complete one before becoming ineligible for re-election to the committee in question.

The Committee proposed this change to allow those replacing members on elected committees for more than half but less than a whole term to be able to stand for election in the next cycle. The Committee's rationale was that the change would permit those who have served less than a full term to do so if they are interested and have already acquired knowledge of the work involved, ensuring continuity and minimal disruption, as well as robust lists of candidates. Ioannis Evrigenis presented the proposal at the faculty meeting that took place on October 28, 2015. The faculty voted on December 2, 2015 to adopt the proposed change to the bylaws.

Elections

As it does every year, the Committee met in December to review the upcoming openings and begin its recruitment of candidates for the spring election cycle. Those elections, which were held in March, were won by the following members of the faculty:

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Committee on Committees
Elected David Gutie Civil and Environmental Engineering 2016-2021
Elected Sarah Sobieraj Sociology 2016-2021

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Elected Modhumita Roy English 2016-2017

Executive Committee
Elected Vickie Sullivan Political Science 2016-2019

Note: Bruce Hitchner, Classics, will begin a full term on the Executive Committee 2017-2020

Executive Committee
Elected Mark Cronin-Colomb Biomedical Engineering 2016-2017
Elected Douglas Matson Mechanical Engineering 2016-2017

Faculty Advisory Board
Elected Anne Gardulski Earth and Ocean Sciences 2016-2021
Elected Yannis Ioannides Economics 2016-2021

Grievance Panel
Elected Hugh Roberts History 2017-2019

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Elected Kris Manjapra History 2016-2017
Elected Kamran Rastegar GRALL 2016-2017

Tenure and Promotion Committee
Elected Andrew McClellan Art and Art History 2017-2020
Elected Krzysztof Sliwa Physics and Astronomy 2017-2020

Notes: Due to an unexpected vacancy on the T&P Committee for 16-17, Christos Georgakis, Chemical Biological Engineering, has been declared as the runner-up in the most recent election (December 2015) to fulfill the vacated term of 2016-2018, beginning May 1, 2016. The projected vacancy on the Committee on Committees, which Modhumita Roy was elected to fill, did not materialize.

The Committee would like to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of Jillian Dubman, Secretary of the Faculty, without whom none of this work would have been possible.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee,

Ioannis D. Evrigenis, Chair