COMMITTEE: Committee on Committees

MEETING DATE: September 24, 2013

PERSON PRESIDING: B. Theurer


EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: M. Sprague

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: L. Lee

ACTIONS OF MEETING

Agenda Item: Approval of minutes from 8.27.2013 meeting.

Action Taken: Minutes were unanimously approved.

Agenda Item: Vacancies for Hearing Committee

Discussion: The Faculty Manual states that vacancies on the hearing committee should be filled first by moving alternates to regular member status and by electing new alternates and/or members as needed to fill the committee roster. The committee agreed that Angela Thompson should move to regular member status. Candidates for the alternate were discussed in regard to the composition of committees and assuring diverse representation and tenure status. Viable candidates were identified and discussed and upon agreement of the committee, they were emailed to assess their interest in serving.

Action Taken: Angela Thompson from History will move into regular member. B. Theurer will inform Angela of this move and will email alternate candidates.

Agenda Item: Graduate Council Representative

Discussion: The committee discussed the need for another person to represent Faculty Senate on the Graduate Council for a rotating three year term.

Action Taken: M. Sprague nominated Andrew Morehead and the committee unanimously supported this nomination.

Agenda Item: Faculty Grievance Committee Vacancy

Discussion: Candidates were discussed in regard to the composition of committees and assuring diverse representation across units and tenure status. Other viable candidates were identified and discussed and upon agreement of the committee, they were emailed to assess their interest in serving.
**Action Taken:** Votes were taken.

**Agenda Item:** Faculty Senate Committee Member Recruitment

**Discussion:** The committee discussed possible efforts to focus on positive PR: examples of faculty governance working. Provide examples of situations in which positive things occurred because faculty served on committees. An example of this is faculty protection of academic freedom. Another suggestion was to reorganize/categorize the list of committees so faculty can better find committees that match their areas of expertise/interests and include the link on the Committee on Committees website.

**Action Taken:** Committee members will send examples of positive PR (shared governance working) to B. Theurer and he and M. Sprague will identify someone who can design website with committee listings. Wendy Creasy in ITCS might be a resource.

**NEXT MEETING:** October 15, 2013

**ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED:**
- Recruitment
- Send out call for volunteers for committee members (typically occurs in November each year)
- Finish annual reports from previous years, including 2005/06, 2008/09, 2009/10, 2010/11. 2011/12

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