

**Election Committee
Annual Report
2015 – 2016**

Membership

Tom Dust, Secondary Education (Chair)
Farah Merali, Educational Psychology
Kathy Robinson, Elementary Education
Ali Shiri, School of Library and Information Studies
Jorge Sousa, Educational Policy Studies

Terms of Reference

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To oversee the Faculty of Education annual election process for faculty elected committees.

To provide a report to Faculty Council at the end of the election process.

2. Composition

Elected Members

One full-time tenure-track faculty member from the Departments of Educational Policy Studies, Educational Psychology, Elementary Education, Secondary Education, and the School of Library and Information Studies.

3. Procedures

- 3.1 The election of members to the Election Committee shall take place during the spring ballot of the Faculty of Education.
- 3.2 The term of elected members shall be two years.
- 3.3 The chair shall be appointed annually by the membership.
- 3.4 The election process review meeting will be called by the Dean's Office, with subsequent meetings called as required.

Approved:
Faculty Council - December 6, 2005

Accomplishments during the Reporting Period

The Elections Committee met on Thursday, February 12, 2016 with Betty jo Werthmann, Governance Administrator to review the faculty's election process. At that time the membership chose Dr Tom Dust from Secondary Education as Chair.

The election process started on February 16 with the call for suggested nominees. Voting was complete on March 31 and results announced to the Faculty on April 4.

This year's vote return was 87 ballots out of 112 eligible voters, a return of 78%. This was an increase over last year's 69%.

Plans and Priorities

Out of 24 vacancies, 14, or 58%, were acclaimed due to only one nomination being received. This is an improvement over last year's rate of 77%. All vacancies were filled.

Possible strategies for increasing nominations in future years would be an important topic of discussion in upcoming meetings of the Election Committee and at the departmental and faculty councils.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tom Dust, Chair
Elections Committee