Election Committee
Annual Report
2016 – 2017

Membership

Kathy Robinson, Elementary Education (Chair)
Tom Dust, Secondary Education
Farah Merali, Educational Psychology
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 February 1, 2017 with Betty jo Werthmann, Governance Administrator to review the faculty’s election process. At that time the membership chose Dr Kathy Robinson from Elementary Education as Chair.
The election process started on February 13 with the call for suggested nominees. Voting was complete on April 6 and results announced to the Faculty on May 15.

This year’s vote return was 83 ballots out of 108 eligible voters, a return of 89%. This was an increase over last year’s 78%.

**Plans and Priorities**

Out of 22 vacancies 12, or 54.5%, were acclaimed due to only one nomination being received. This is a minor improvement from last year’s rate of 58%. All vacancies were filled.

Another emerging trend is that out of 24 nominees, 21 individuals self-nominated as opposed to being nominated by a colleague.

In recent years, Election Committee members have been encouraged to speak at their department council meetings about the election process and the importance of service to the faculty. Department Chairs are also encouraged to support this message.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Robinson
Chair
Elections Committee