

Year-End Report

1. **Council:** Elections Council

2. **Academic Year:** 2015-2016

3. **Council Members:**

COHSS: Natalie Obrecht (Lindemann) (co-chair)

LIB: Fall 2015: Tony Joachim (chair); Spring 2016: David Cupo (co-chair)

COE: Chris Mulrine

COAC: Jerry Beal

COSH: Wooi Lim

CCOB: KJ Koo

PS: empty seat

4. **Council Charges and Summary of Council Activities** (please list the council's charges - both standing charges and charges for that particular academic year - and describe any significant discussion/progress related to each charge):

Standing charges:

- 1) Develop standardized procedures for all campus-wide elections
- 2) Conduct Faculty Senate elections prior to April 30th
- 3) Conduct campus-wide elections according to the election policy for:
 - a) Promotion Committee, Sabbatical Leave Committee, Merit Award Committee.
 - b) University-wide ad-hoc Committees and major Search Committees

Regarding the standing charges, we successfully completed the elections and have been updating the election handbook regarding procedures.

Additional Charges from the Executive Committee:

- 1) Review elections time line to consider a three week election period, instead of the current four week calendar.
- 2) Work with Human Resources to reestablish procedures for generating a list of eligible votes for each semester.
- 3) Consider whether two rounds of nominations in the election process are necessary.

Regarding Additional Charges 1 and 3:

The Council discussed changing to a three week election period by eliminating the second round of nominations. However, we decided against this because in the Spring 2016 Senate election only 10/22 open Senate seats received nominations during the first round.

Regarding Additional Charge 2:

Thanks to Neil Liggett of EIS, the Elections Council chairs can now generate voter rosters each semester.

5. Recommended Charges For The Next Academic Year:

We recommend that the Elections Council review software options for running the online elections. We currently use Campus-Vote, but may consider using Qualtrics.