

Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

Sept 3, 2019, A517

Members Present: M. Archer, S. Cheng, M. Donsky, V. Douglas, N. Katz, C. Koca, P. Okumakpeyi, D. Samaroo, C. Swift (chair)
Members Absent: A. Hossain, G. Kolmakov, M. Nakamura, N. Vaisman
Guests: R. Hannum, College Council Chair

1. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm
2. Randall Hannum was in attendance to oversee nomination and election of Legislative Committee chair
 - Prof. Swift nominated and elected as Chair unanimously.
 - Prof. Cheng nominated and elected as Secretary unanimously.
3. General discussion of what issues Legislative could address for 2019-2020 year, including
 - Prof. Swift raised issue of timing of elections for department delegates (with Chair elections), which does not permit newly elected delegates to serve on Committee for Committees. Discussion tabled.
 - Prof. Hannum raised the issue of lack of full membership to Personnel Appeals Committee: timing of elections and language in governance may be discouraging participation. It was agreed that this issue would be taken up this term.
 - Prof. Katz asked about status of proposals from Profs. Katz and Catapano from previous year. It was reported that those proposals were never engaged by Legislative.
 - Strategies to increase Faculty participation in college-wide elections.
 - Prof. Katz requested that the committee consider evaluating of the process of hiring of senior-level administrative positions in order to
 - increase faculty participation;
 - increase transparency (via open hearings, for instance);
 - clarify procedures for hiring senior-level administrators;
 - take into consideration the evaluation process from the student point of view; and
 - understand the basis by which applicants to these positions are evaluated.

The committee agreed to take up this issue in the current term.
4. Prof. Swift asked that all standing committee minutes be posted on the OpenLab and made available to the public in a timely manner. Prof. Hannum confirmed that this is the goal.
5. Prof. Swift asked the committee to take up the electronic ballot counting measure that was not completed last term. Discussion tabled.
6. Prof. Swift asked committee members to bring issues to the committee that they believe need addressing.
7. Prof. Donsky volunteered to handle attendance sheets for College Council General Meetings
8. Volunteers will be sought for upcoming Appointments Committee elections in several departments
9. Prof. Archer volunteered to oversee the English Dept's Appointments Committee elections
10. The meeting adjourned at 2:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Cheng
Legislative Committee Secretary