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To: Faculty Senate President

From: Jim McCallops Designated Senator- Membership and Elections

Re: Committee work update

The Membership and Elections Committee conducted three separate votes this semester. The first was to replace people on sabbatical or who had resigned from committees. The second election was to form a search committee for the dean position in the Fulton School. Our final vote was a referendum on three Bylaw amendments to grant librarians faculty status to change the status of designated senators to non-voting committee members (unless elected to the committee) and to craft a policy to remove inactive members from committees. Many more than the required 75 people voted approving all three amendments by the following percentages – 1) 98%; 2) 74%; 3) 94%

In addition the committee wrote and received Senate approval on a Procedures Document that explains the types of procedures our committee uses to run elections tabulate votes declare winners and report our findings to the faculty at large. We are now crafting new language to account for how we report Bylaw amendment votes.

Finally we continue to work on compiling a complete list of full-time faculty members having recently been given an assurance by the Provost's office that Alan Selser will oversee the list to ensure its accuracy. Once that is completed the committee will proceed on web-based voting. The committee hopes to have it up and running by the end of the semester. We plan to run one more election (for fun) to test it out

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