

## Bylaws and Nominations Committee

### 2013-2014 Annual Report

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#### **Committee Membership**

The members of the Bylaws and Nominations Committee for 2013-2014 were as follows:

Kate Hunter-Zaworski, Chair (2014)	School of Civil and Construction Engineering
Peg Herring (2014)	Extension/Experiment Station Communications
Virginia Weis (2015)	Zoology
Bill Boggess (2016)	College of Agricultural Sciences Administration

*Executive Committee Liaison: Bernadine Strik*

#### **Senate Elections**

The Committee contacted potential candidates in search of nominees for election to Senate offices. Each of the positions required many, many contacts. In the case of the Faculty Senate President-Elect, over twenty individuals were approached about their interest in being nominated before securing one person to stand for election. The Committee presented a slate of nominees for the positions of President-Elect, Executive Committee, and Interinstitutional Faculty Senate at the November Faculty Senate meeting.

#### ***President-Elect –***

Mike Bailey\*, Professor – School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, College of Engineering

#### ***Interinstitutional Faculty Senate Senator –***

Jared Moore, Associate Professor – College of Business

Jay S. Noller\*, Professor – Department of Crop and Soil Science, College of Agricultural Sciences

#### ***Executive Committee –***

Chris Bell\*, Professor – School of Civil and Construction Engineering, College of Engineering

Louie Bottaro, Professional Faculty – Liberal Arts Student Services, College of Liberal Arts

Alix Gitelman\*, Associate Professor – Statistics Department, College of Science

Nell Winokur O'Malley\*, Professional Faculty – College of Education

Lewis Semprini, Professor – School of Chemical, Biological and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering

Bernadine Strik\*, Professor – Department of Horticulture, College of Agricultural Sciences

*\*Indicates elected*

#### **Bylaws Revisions**

While numerous bylaws revisions were discussed, the following bylaws were submitted for revision this year. The underlined section notes the changes in the Bylaws. These were voted on by written Ballot at the June 12, 2014 Faculty Senate Meeting.

#### **ARTICLE III: AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY**

Sec. 1. .... The Faculty is defined as members of the Unclassified Academic Staff who: (1) are Professional Faculty, or (2) hold one of these academic ranks: Instructor, Senior Instructor I, Senior Instructor II, Faculty Research Assistant, Senior Faculty Research Assistant I, Senior Faculty Research Assistant II, Senior Research Associate, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor, Assistant Professor of Practice, Associate Professor of Practice, Professor of Practice, Assistant Professor (Extension), Associate Professor (Extension), Professor (Extension), Assistant Professor (Senior Research), Associate Professor (Senior Research), Professor (Senior Research), Assistant Professor (Clinical), Associate Professor (Clinical), and Professor (Clinical), Senior Instructor II, or Senior Faculty Research Assistant II (as defined in Section 580-20-005 of the Oregon

~~Administrative Rules~~). Faculty in administrative or support units with joint appointments in academic units shall be included in their academic unit for the purposes of apportionment.

## **ARTICLE V: MEMBER NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

If an apportionment group is eliminated due to merger or abolishment of a campus unit, the terms of office of the group's Senators would cease at the end of the current **apportionment** calendar year

## **ARTICLE VI: OFFICERS**

Sec 2. ... Senate President: Shall be the elected representative of the University Faculty in matters pertaining to the Faculty and Faculty Senate. Shall be the senior officer and spokesperson for adopted policy of the Faculty Senate and Faculty. Shall preside at meetings of the Faculty Senate and its Executive Committee. Shall represent the Senate and Faculty in discussions with the Oregon State University administration. Shall represent the Senate and Faculty in discussions with the ~~Chancellor, the State Board of Higher Education,~~ **OSU Board of Trustees, the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC),** the State Legislature, the media, and other organized groups outside the University. Shall determine agenda for meetings of the Executive Committee, and shall consult with the Executive Committee in establishing agenda for meetings of the Faculty Senate. Shall administer the office of the Faculty Senate and oversee retention of the records of the Senate.

## **ARTICLE VII: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Sec. I. Membership: The Executive Committee shall consist of the Senate President, the Senate President-Elect, the Immediate Past Senate President, the senior IFS Senator, and the Provost and Executive Vice President, or that person's designee, as Ex-Officio members; and six others elected ~~from the membership~~ **who are now, or have been during the six years prior to the election year, members** of the **OSU** Faculty Senate. The elected Executive Committee members shall retain their Faculty Senate seats for the remainder of their Senate terms.

## **ARTICLE VIII: INTERINSTITUTIONAL FACULTY SENATE**

Sec. 1. The Interinstitutional Faculty Senate (IFS) serves as a voice of the ~~Oregon University System (OUS)~~ **eight university** faculties **to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC)** institutions in matters of system-wide concern, considers state-wide policies and makes recommendations thereon, and endeavors to strengthen the participation of faculties in the governance of the various ~~OUS~~ **HECC** institutions. IFS is composed of faculty representatives from ~~each of the OUS~~ **eight university** campuses. OSU is represented by three (3) Senators. The elected IFS Senators shall retain their Faculty Senate seats for the remainder of their Senate terms.

Sec. 5. Vacancies in elected positions shall be filled for the period to complete the term at the discretion of the Executive Committee by the candidate who, in descending order, received the next highest number of votes in the most recent election. **However, if a vacancy results in an uncompleted term of less than one calendar year, the Executive Committee shall have the authority to appoint a faculty member of their choice to fulfill that term.**

## **ARTICLE XI: MOTIONS AND VOTING**

Sec. 1. Such a postponed motion shall automatically become an agenda item for the next regular meeting, unless it (a) is made the Order of the Day for an adjourned meeting to be held at least twenty-four (24) hours later, or (b) is made the question for a mail vote **or an electronic vote**, with an interval of three (3) days allowed for the return of ballots.

Sec. 2. Quorum. For purposes of transacting business, those members of the Faculty Senate present **in person or remotely** shall constitute a quorum.

Sec. 3. Voting will be counted by a means defined by the Executive Committee. Remote vote counting procedures shall be verified by the Executive Committee on an annual basis.

Sec. 34. Approval. Actions taken by the Faculty Senate are subject to approval by the President of the University, ~~as provided in the OSBHE Administrative Rule 12.120.~~

Sec. 45. Appeal. University Presidential disapproval or modification of Faculty Senate actions may be appealed to the Chancellor, ~~as provided under the OSBHE Administrative Rule 12.120~~ OSU Board of Trustees. An appeal may be initiated by a majority vote at a regularly scheduled or special meeting of the Faculty Senate.

### **The Future**

- The Committee did not act on a request from OSU-Hatfield Marine Sciences Center for a separate apportionment unit. The Committee did discuss the pros and cons of the request; however, this request was tabled until that Fall of 2014 at the request of faculty at HMSC.
- It is suggested that the bylaw Article V be reviewed for clarifying election of members of the Executive level as Senators to the Faculty Senate.
- The Committee spent considerable time and energy recruiting faculty to run for elected office of the Faculty Senate.