

Bylaws and Nominations Committee

Annual Report 1998-99

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From: Bylaws and Nominations Committee
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Re: Bylaws and Nominations Committee Annual Report

The following is a list of the activities of the Bylaws and Nominations Committee during the past year:

1. Nominated two candidates for Faculty Senate President-Elect, 12 candidates for the Faculty Senate Executive Committee (to fill five positions), and two candidates for the Interinstitutional Faculty Senate. Gordon Matzke was elected President-elect, and Gary Tiedeman was elected IFS Representative. There was a 33% return of ballots in the President-elect and IFS Representative elections. At the December meeting of the Faculty Senate, Bob Burton, Bill Lunch and Bruce Sorte were elected to two-year terms and Stella Coakley and Dick Thies were elected to one-year terms on the Executive Committee.
2. Working with IFS, presented to the Faculty Senate a process for nominating a faculty member to the Oregon State Board of Higher Education. The Senate endorsed the process at its January meeting.
3. Nominated three candidates to serve on the Oregon State Board of Higher Education to the Nominating Committee of IFS. The nominees were Kelvin Koong, Clara Pratt, and

Gary Tiedeman,
and the OSU Faculty Senate endorsed the slate at its January meeting.

4. Proposed to the Committee on Committees a revision of the standing rules for the B&N Committee to reflect its new role in nominating faculty to serve on the State Board of Higher Education. The Faculty Senate approved the revised standing rules at its June meeting.

5. Proposed revisions to the Faculty Senate Bylaws. The revisions included: clarification of procedures for voting privileges and eligibility to be a Senator, clarification of process for filling Senator and President-elect vacancies, clarification of what constitutes a vacancy in the office of President and President-elect, clarification of how the outcome of the election for President-elect is determined, and insertion of a section describing the IFS. The Faculty Senate approved the revisions at its May meeting.

Suggestions for next year's committee:

- Monitor the outcome of the process to nominate a faculty member to the State Board of Higher Education.
- Consider proposing a revision to the Bylaws that defines what constitutes a vacancy in the Executive Committee, since the Bylaws define this for Senator, President and President-elect.
- Consider initiating and overseeing a process, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, to determine whether it is appropriate to retain the current off-campus Extension faculty apportionment group or to propose that these faculty, like the on-campus Extension faculty, be included with the apportionment unit that is their academic home.

The Committee had a productive year. In closing, it was gratifying to find that many faculty were willing to be nominated to run for an elected office. This is an indication that faculty governance is valued and supported by faculty at OSU. That said, another suggestion for Executive Committee and B&N Committee attention next year is to consider ways to increase the percentage of faculty who vote in the election for President-elect and IFS Representative.