**2018 Election Committee Recommendations and Questions for the Senate’s Consideration**

The 2018 Election Committee composed of Tiffany Pawluk, Reet Sumal and Dani Vieira, was asked by Senate President Nenagh Brown to bring to the Senate a list of recommendations and questions the Body may want to consider for elections of Senate Officers and Co-Chairs of subcommittees. In light of this, we present this list of three recommendations and three questions for the Academic Senate’s consideration:

**Recommendations**

1. Candidates for all offices should be public knowledge, and everyone should know who is running against whom.  Perhaps we need to create some kind of webpage with the current info during elections.
2. There should be a clear policy for write in candidates in the Bylaws (yes or no.)
3. There should be a clear policy for how a person wins an uncontested election.  Does the candidate need to get 50% +1 of the "Yea" votes?  Nothing is clear.

**Questions for Consideration**

* 1. Is having uncontested elections for the Executive Council and the Co-Chairs problematic? If so, is there a way to ensure two or more persons run for these positions? How can the Senate encourage more people to participate?
  2. Should a person be limited to run for one position, or should interested candidates be allowed to run for multiple positions?  If so, what happens if they win both?
  3. Do we need some kind of guidelines for candidate statements (min/max words, etc)?  Answer specific questions (Why are you the best candidate? Experience? Etc.)

In bringing these to the Senate, we hope to begin a dialog of how to have elections that are fair and representative of the entire body. Thank you for your consideration.

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