

Wayne State University
Academic Senate
Elections Committee Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2009, 1270 FAB

1. The meeting convened at 1:00 p.m.
2. The following committee members were present: Joseph Artiss (Pathology), Karen Feathers (Teacher Education), Loreleigh Keashly (Communication), Frederic Pearson (Peace & Conflict Studies), Naida Simon (Undergraduate Programs & General Education), Angela Wisniewski (Academic Senate), Seymour Wolfson (Computer Science) and James Woodyard, Chair (ECE). Antoinette Somers (Information Systems & Manufacturing) notified the chair she would be absent due to other committee responsibility, and volunteered to assist with tasks.
3. The March 10, 2009 minutes and revised agenda were approved.
4. The C&IT elections software issues were discussed. People reported that the smoking survey announcement was placed in their junk folders. The announcement was sent from Academic_Senate@wayne.edu. It is puzzling that the message would be placed in the junk folders of WSU computers. A message was sent to Jeff Dunn requesting that C&IT investigate the matter and advise us of corrective measures that may be taken before sending the smoking survey reminder.
5. The results of the C&IT mock election conducted by Jeff Dunn were discussed. The purpose of the mock election was to test the simultaneous election capability of the C&IT software. The statistics of the mock election were not good. Jeff indicated that we need to provide him with an extensive list of volunteers for another mock election in order to improve the statistics. Considering the C&IT election software is the only secure software that is currently available to the committee, and the time constraints of the committee, it was decided to continue using the C&IT election software and work on the problems as they arise.
6. A report on senator-at-large election was presented.

Election	Electronic notices sent	Paper ballots sent	Electronic votes	Paper ballots received	Total votes	Voting percentage
First	2136	199	375	28	403	18.9
Runoff	2136	87	390	11	401	18.8

7. Reports were presented on surveys:
 - a. No progress has been made on the student opt-out & FTIAC – 2005 & 2008 surveys. The Center for Urban Studies indicated it will cost about \$13,500 to produce the outstanding written final reports for the 2005 FTIAC survey and 2008 FTIAC and opt-out surveys. The administration has indicated that it will not pay for the reports. It was agreed that the president of the Academic Senate should explore the funding issue with the administration.
 - b. Non-smoking campus - A notice was sent to the WSU community with the survey link on April 9th. It was sent to 54,519 students, 10,630 employees and 2,031 faculty and academic staff. 3,156 surveys have been completed. Reminders will be sent

on April 14th and April 22nd. Under the charge to the committees, a survey report is due to the Policy Committee no later than April 23, 2009. Policy (via Seymour) will be notified that a draft of the report will be available on April 27th. Karen will access the data on the Student Voice in order to develop a draft report for the committee on April 24th; she will contact Toni for assistance with the report. Jim is also available to assist. The draft report will be circulated to SAC and ELC, and then forwarded to the policy committee for review at its April 27th meeting. The survey ends on April 27th and the final data will be used to write the final report. It is anticipated that the final report will be presented at the May 6th Academic Senate meeting.

- c. Calendar - The policy committee has been informed that ELC and SAC recommend waiting until late in the fall 2009 semester to administer the survey so that the community can respond in a meaningful way after having experience with the new calendar.
8. The sections of the bylaws relevant to ELC were reviewed. It was noted that Article V. section 2. states "It shall request submission prior to the third week in April of the results of the school, college, and division elections for Senate members, and it shall certify the members-elect to the Senate at the next regular meeting following receipt of the results." Angie indicated that she is communicating with the appropriate entities and will provide a complete list of the members-elect when they are reported to her. ELC will then certify the list and present it to the Academic Senate.
9. New business: A member suggested exploring the election software used by AAUP in the national elections. Efforts to request information were not successful and the matter will not be pursued further.

Future meeting dates were scheduled at the December 9th meeting and the chair was requested to cancel a meeting on a selected date in the event there isn't a need for a meeting. All meetings will begin at 1:00 p.m. and held in 1270 FAB. The remaining selected date is May 12, 2009.

10. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Approved as submitted to the Elections Committee on May 12, 2009