

## **Report of Academic Senate Elections Committee Academic Year 2015-16**

Members: Robert Ackerman (Chair), Poonam Arya, Victoria Dallas, Michael Horn, Naida Simon, Marsha Richmond. Liaison: Louis Romano

The Elections Committee conducted several elections during the 2015-16 academic year, as follows:

Election of Policy Committee, September 9, 2015. Elected to the three-year term was William Volz (Accounting, Business Administration). Elected to one-year terms were: Linda Beale (Law), David Kessel (Pharmacology, Medicine), Brad Roth (Political Science, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Law), Naida Simon (Undergraduate Programs and General Education, Academic Affairs).

Election of Members to serve on the Faculty Hearing Panel and the Academic Staff Hearing Panel (conducted electronically). As required by Article XXX in the Agreement between the University and the AAUP-AFT, the Provost's Office solicits nominees for the Hearing Panels. As stipulated in the Board of Governors Statute, the Academic Senate votes for the members who will sit on these Panels. The voting was carried out in February 2016.

Election of Members-at-Large, (conducted electronically). The call for nominations was e-mailed on February 15, 2016, with the closing date of February 29. As stipulated in the Bylaws, the Elections Committee met and nominated additional faculty to increase the number of nominees to five. The election was opened on March 29 and closed on April 12. Charles Parrish (Political Science, Liberal Arts and Sciences) and Kathryn Maguire (Communication, Fine, Performing and Communication Arts) were elected to three-year terms that will run from August 2016 until August 2019.

Election of the President of the Academic Senate, April 6, 2016. Lou Romano was re-elected President for the 2016-2017 academic year.

All of these elections proceeded smoothly and without incident. For this, we have to thank the unflappable Angela Wisniewski, Secretary to the Academic Senate, who guided us through each process and handled all related administrative duties with aplomb.

The Elections Committee recommended to the Policy Committee an amendment to the Academic Senate Bylaws to the effect that the election of the Senate President take place at the Senate's April meeting, to conform to actual practice. The Policy Committee duly proposed the amendment to the Senate and it was adopted on May 4, 2016.