COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: ANNUAL REPORT  
2005-2006

To the Faculty Legislature, Santa Barbara Division

The Committee on Committees met 14 times during 2005-2006. It discharged its normal duties of appointing members to the Senate Councils and Standing Committees and recommending faculty to serve on Administrative Committees as summarized below.

The Call for Volunteers was sent out via MySenate and faculty were encouraged to fill out the form electronically. The Committee notes that for 2005-2006, 105 Senate members volunteered for service on one or more of the Senate Councils and Standing Committees, which represents a decrease of 1 over the previous year. The Committee also notes that for 2001-2002, the final year of the paper call, only 60 faculty members volunteered. We assume that the convenience and ease of on-line volunteering is the cause of the increase in subsequent years. The Committee continues to encourage faculty to volunteer for Senate service and expresses its appreciation to all those individuals who were willing to serve on Senate committees.

Standing Senate Councils and Committees: The Committee undertook appointment of Senate members, Lecturers, Librarians, and Professional Researchers to the Councils and Standing Committees. The Committee also appointed a number of replacements to Councils and Standing Committees made several appointments to the 2004-2005 Faculty Legislature, the reappointed//appointed the Senate Vice Chair, the Divisional Secretary, and Divisional representatives to the Academic Assembly. The Committee on Committees had one resignation and, in accordance with the Bylaws, appointed a replacement.

Administrative Requests: The Committee nominated or appointed Senate members to numerous administrative committees, including the Student Fee Advisory Committee, the Chancellor’s Advisory Committee on the Status of Women, the Advisory Committee to the Ombuds Office, the Program Review Panel, the Chemical Safety Committee, the Committee to Nominate Faculty Career Development Award candidates, the Margaret Getman and William Villa Service Awards Committee, a review committee for UCSB campus regulations applying to campus activities, and a work group to deal with the issue of identifying and implementing an Information Technology fee.

Search Committees: Dean of the Graduate Division, the Registrar, Director of Physical Facilities, and Director of the Institute for Social, Behavioral and Economic Research.

Systemwide: The Committee provided nominations for the Oliver Johnson Award, and for the search committees for a UC-Merced Chancellor and a UC Provost.

The Committee’s representative to the University Committee on Committees attended 3 meetings of UCOC and participated in several teleconferences during the year. The campus will have six of its faculty members in leadership positions on important university-wide committees: Michael Brown will serve as Vice Chair of the Academic Senate, Jan Frodesen will be Vice Chair of the University Committee on Preparatory Education, Eric Smith will chair the University Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction, Christopher Newfield will chair the University Committee on Planning and Budget, Anita Guerrini will chair the University Committee on International Education, and Lisa Hajjar will chair the University Committee on Academic Freedom.

Typically the chair of the COC attends UCOC meetings as the campus representative. We would like to note, however, that many UCOC members from other campuses have been on UCOC for more than one year, allowing for a better understanding of the system, for continuity and for more effective
representation. Since the current bylaw governing the campus COC requires the chair to serve on UCOC, that individual’s membership is effectively limited to a one year term. We recommend that the Committee on Rules, Jurisdiction and Election consider changing the By-law to allow the UCOC representative to be drawn from the general population of COC and to serve for two years.

As in previous years, the Committee continued in its efforts to foster and improve all aspects of diversity on Standing and Administrative Committees, including gender and ethnic representation. The Committee continues in its effort to balance the participation of “senior” UCSB faculty with faculty relatively new to the campus.

The Committee would not have been effective in its functioning without the outstanding support of Ellen Friedkin, Staff Advisor to the Committee. Ellen has been a great resource and knowledge bank for us, and we sincerely appreciate all the advice she has provided with tact and diplomacy.

As always, the Committee encourages Senate members to volunteer for Senate service, and it urges the faculty to accept appointments to Standing Committees and Councils, and to run for elected positions.

The Committee on Committees

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