2016-17 Senate Elections Council Year End Report

Council Members

Name	Seat	Term
David Cupo (co-chair)	Library	2015-17
Natalie Obrecht (co-chair)	COHSS	2015-17
Jim Miles	Prof Staff	2016-18
Wooi Lim	COSH	2016-18
Chris Mulrine	COE	2015-17
Jerry Beal	COAC	2015-17
[vacant]	COB	2016-18
[vacant]	Adjunct	

Council Charges and Summary of Council Activities (please list the council's charges - both standing charges and charges for that particular academic year - and describe any significant discussion/progress related to each charge):

Council charge for 2016-17: "Review software options for running the online elections. We currently use Campus-Vote, but may consider using Qualtrics."

Progress: The Council successfully transitioned to Qualtrics starting in Fall 2016. As with any new system, there were some hiccups in the process. The transition proved more challenging because this was also the first time either co-chair had conducted Senate committee elections. On the plus side, it was a very enlightening experience. As shown by the uneventful Spring 2017 Senate elections, we are now confident that future elections will run smoothly, with as few technical difficulties as possible.

Recommended Charges For The Next Academic Year

Explore feasibility of replacing paper ballots with instant electronic polling for Executive Committee elections and special elections
- *The Council is aware of the Senate's history regarding live polling and seeks to improve upon the past implementation of the technology*
- *Qualtrics does not support a dedicated audience response system, but there are several other companies from which we can rent or buy such systems*

For regular elections of Senators and Senate committees, explore feasibility of creating website for Council to publicly post nominations when they are accepted (or later withdrawn) by the nominees
- *Increases transparency; unnecessary to wait until end of each week of election cycle to distribute nominee/candidate lists, as is currently done*
- *Could reduce the number of seats which go unfilled simply due to no nominees*
- *Not a challenge in terms of technology*