Legislative Committee: Fall 2020 Report and Plan for Spring 2021

I: Meetings

The Legislative Committee met three times in Fall 2020, more than any prior semester:


October 27, 2020: Two resolutions proposed, discussed, finalized, and passed by the committee:

1. Resolution to amend the Council Constitution regarding Open Meetings

2. Resolution to amend the Constitution regarding Faculty Review Committees on Tenure, Reappointment, and Promotion

At the subsequent Council meeting on November 17, 2020, the first resolution was passed unanimously by Council, but Resolution #2 regarding Review Committees was defeated by a vote of 30-14.

December 1, 2020: A proposal was made by Committee member Matthew Gartner to discuss the composition, procedures, and selection of members for our group’s Committee on Elections. Previously, it had always been the practice that all Legislative Committee members were automatically assigned to the ‘Elections Committee’ as well.

After a spirited discussion, all but one committee member present felt that the Elections Committee should remain as currently constituted, and that campus election processes have been extremely successful for the past decade since KCC switched to online campus elections.

But all present also agreed to continue our conversations and discussions at a meeting to be scheduled during the winter session, date and time to be determined.

II: UFS Elections

The KCC Faculty elections for University Faculty Senate were held successfully between November 4-12 using our online campus voting platform. We recorded 158 voter participants, the third-highest total ever for KCC UFS elections.
Enid Stubin was reelected, and first-time candidates Carlene Barnaby and Jennifer Corby were both elected to terms from 2021-2024. In the Alternates election (2020-21), Tamara Bellomo was reelected and first-timer Shawna Brandle filled the remaining seat.

III: Spring 2021 Plan

The Legislative Committee plans the following for the Spring 2021 semester:

- January 2021 – Meeting to continue discussions on the Elections Committee
- April 6, 2021 at 3:00 PM – College Council meeting via zoom, Meeting link: https://zoom.us/j/94844381941?pwd=TU5NVEV5enQxU25HTUtrR3JCeVJwdz09
- April 13, 2021 at 3:00 PM – Regular Committee Meeting via zoom, Meeting link: https://zoom.us/j/92883390786?pwd=QWFXT0ppdzBsZlRsS1FmYlhicjNHdz09
- May 3-7, 2021 – Department Elections – ART, HPER, MAT, PHY, TAH, STU
- May 10-24, 2021 – Council Elections for Delegates At Large, terms ending for Cally, Chapman, DelPrincipe, Fox, Washburn; Martin (part-time)
- May 25, 2021 at Council Meeting – Faculty Governance Leader Election, term ending for Cally

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