The Academic Senate Election Process: What Works and What We Might Change

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Overview

- Recruitment
- Campaigning
 - Candidate Statements
 - Candidate Forums
 - Speeches
- Voting
- Trickle-Down
- Term Length

Recruitment

- Current process:
 - Personal Contact
 - Word-of-mouth
 - Inclusion of application in area materials
- What more could be done to encourage faculty to become candidates?

Campaigning

- Current Process:
 - Candidate Statements
 - One page, all made available as a packet on Friday morning
 - Speeches
 - Delivered in one time block on Friday morning. Ten minutes for presidential candidates, five for all others.
 - Candidate Forums
 - One hour forum on Friday afternoon. Includes officers only.
- What could be added or changed to give you more information on the candidates?

Voting

- Current process:
 - One vote per college, one per multi-college district with its own senate, one for each Executive Committee member
 - Must have delegate badge
 - Ballot disqualified if signature does not match signin
- What could be done differently?

Trickle-Down

- Elections are held one at a time in a specified order. If a candidate is unsuccessful in one election, he or she may add his or her name to the ballot for the next election
- Thoughts from audience
- Pros and Cons for trickle-down process

Term Length

- One year for officers (president, vicepresident, secretary, treasurer)
- Two years for all others
- Only president has a term limit—two consecutive terms
- What might be changed?
 - All one year?
 - All two years?
 - More term limits?

Questions and Comments

Thank you for coming