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Membership Committee

Minutes, 12/09/11

In attendance: Dave Roberts (Chair), Julia Dabbs, Michael Peters, Troy Goodnough, Bonnie Tipcke, Zak Forde, Marynel Ryan Van Zee, Jodi Sperr

Absent: Kevin Stefanek

Chair Dave Roberts called the meeting to order at 9:20am. The committee set to work immediately on preparing recommendations for the Humanities Division Chair search committee. Additional recommendations had been transmitted to Chair Roberts by Anne Duhamel (Sarah Buchanan, Julie Eckerle, Julia Dabbs) and to Michael Peters by Stacey Aronson (Mary Elizabeth Bezanson, Tammy Berberi, James Wotaszek). It was also indicated that James Wotaszek had declined, respectfully, to serve.

Julia Dabbs noted that Mark Collier, who had been nominated previously, is on sabbatical and unavailable to serve.

The committee discussed how to proceed with recommendation and settled on working out a list of names to establish whether consensus existed around a group. Zak Forde suggested that, given the composition of the teaching staff in the Humanities Division, a member of the committee should be drawn from among the temporary teaching staff. Viktor Berberi's name had appeared among the recommendations. The only specification Dean Finzel provided as to composition was that the committee should have representation from both research- and performance-oriented faculty from the Humanities Division.

The committee also discussed the pros and cons of having temporary faculty appointed to the committee, and settled upon including among the recommendations the name of one essentially permanent but non-tenured or tenure-track faculty member.

Recommendations were compiled and ranked, and included 9 faculty representing the Theater, Music, English, French, Spanish, Fine Art, and Art History disciplines. These recommendations were approved unanimously will be forwarded to Dean Finzel by Chair Roberts.

The committee then discussed the one remaining, required member of the committee – a sitting Division Chair from another division. Gwen Rudney had been identified previously as the most sensible choice, given that she has been serving longer than the other (new) division chairs. The committee agreed unanimously to nominate Rudney for this position.

Chair Roberts adjourned the meeting at 9:50a.

Minutes submitted by Marynel Ryan Van Zee