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Membership Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:40 am
Via Zoom

Present: Barry McQuarrie, Kevin Whalen, Adele Lawler, Matt Zaske, Jeff Lamberty, Paul Grove

Absent: Siobhan Bremer, Sierra Brown

Welcome new member Sierra Brown, MCSA

Membership minutes from 9.10.20 approved as presented.

Other committee standing business:

- A. The Constitution calls for division chairs to be reviewed in their third year and it is Stacey Aronson's third year this year. Membership reviewed and approved a list of suggestions for the review committee noting there were a variety of faculty ranks. Barry will respond to the Janet Ericksen that Membership approves the list.
- B. Membership reviewed the updated slate of 2020-21 Campus Assembly Committee Memberships. MCSA has two slots left to fill. Jeff reported that USA has completed the interest survey and the next step is to hold elections.
- C. MCSA proposal to solicit student nominations for CA committees from the broader campus community. Barry reported that he received an email from Ted Pappenfus, former chair of Steering, asking what was happening with the proposal last year from Steering. Barry talked with Sam Rosemark and Sam recognizes the need to get students on committees. MCSA offered a different proposal to Membership that explains how to deal with the recurring question of why students aren't assigned to committees early in the fall semester. Membership may want to consider the new proposal as we move forward. We could draft ideas of what a nomination form might look like and have a conversation with MCSA. There was consensus from Membership that they prefer MCSA would do the nominating rather than faculty as it's likely faculty may nominate the same student across divisions. Given that this is a topic that comes up every couple of years, Barry will follow-up with Sam.
- D. Barry reported there was a suggestion from a Campus Assembly member that the chair of every committee make a 2-3 minute video describing their committee's charge and current work. These videos could be accessible to the campus community, allowing campus citizens to watch the videos on their own time/according to their own schedules. Also in this same spot, one could find an organizational flowchart of campus committees and administrative bodies for our campus shared governance. Is this worth pursuing? Membership agreed that chairs most likely have enough to do and a better plan might be to have each committee chair talk for 15 seconds at Campus Assembly

explaining what their committee's charge. Membership will highlight what committees do before sending out the committee interest form.

New business/discussion points: none

Adjourned at 12:00pm.