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Membership Committee  
March 27, 2014

Present: Matt Zaske (chair), Nancy Carpenter, Judy Kuechle, Stacey Aronson,  
Jodi Sperr, Lori Kurpiers

Minutes from February 4, 2014 were unanimously approved.

Other committee standing business

- Jon Troe has withdrawn from MCSA and is subsequently no longer a student member of the Steering Committee and Campus Assembly. He was also the student member on the WLA working group. As chair of the Steering Committee, Tammy Berberi was concerned about the lack of a student voice on that working group and will contact Bart Finzel to inquire about whether or not Jon will continue. The Steering Committee is down one student for the rest of the semester.
- It appears we missed the re-election of the vacancy created by Jeff Ratliff-Crain's resignation last fall on the Steering Committee.
- Alex Stengel has withdrawn from the Membership Committee.
- Annual Assembly elections will take place at the April 2 meeting. Matt asked for volunteers to count, distribute ballots and write the names on the board. Membership discussed the merits of the having nominees say something about themselves. The intention was that nominees would say something about themselves and why they are interested in serving on a specific committee. Generally, people just stand up and say their names--this does not seem very meaningful and takes time. As chair of Membership, Matt will introduce the nominees and ask them to stand up. As a reminder, the Consultative Committee vote is by constituent only.
- The Assessment Committee chair did not notify the Membership Committee of a faculty member's departure in the fall (Brooks Jessup) and his seat on the committee was empty for the year.

New business/discussion points

- Matt asked committee members to encourage their colleagues to nominate themselves or others for positions on the Membership, Steering and Consultative Committees.
- To date, there have been 110 responses on the committee interest form.
- A concern has been voiced about "the shame or embarrassment of not winning an election" regarding some possible candidates not volunteering for election. Membership's response to this concern will be "duly noted."
- As chair of the Academic Support Services Committee, Sylke Boyd has made a request that ex-officio representation from the Disability Services office be added to the committee. Matt noted that a Bylaw revision would be needed to formally make that happen. Membership will draft a proposal to add this ex-officio position and will forward that proposal to the Steering Committee for them to address.

Meeting adjourned.