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**Faculty Senate Nominating Committee**

**Annual Report to the Faculty Senate, 2016-17**

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**Virginia R. Boynton, SNC Chair**

In 2016-17, the Faculty Senate Nominating Committee (SNC) was composed of Senator Cecil Tarrant (representing COBT), Senator Brian Locke (representing COFAC), Senator Jennifer Plos (representing COEHS), and Senator Ginny Boynton (representing CAS and serving as SNC Chair).

In 2016-17, the SNC met in person and corresponded via email throughout the year as needed, and presented 127 faculty nominations to Faculty Senate for positions on Senate and university councils and committees, 30 more than the previous year. The SNC also distributed the Faculty Interest Survey, to which 119 faculty members responded, 22 fewer than the previous year.

The SNC met in person twice, both times with Senate Recording Secretary Annette Hamm present. At the start of the academic year, the SNC members met to nominate faculty to fill 19 positions on committees and councils that had opened up over the summer, 4 more than the previous year. (One position remained unfilled until the second Senate meeting.) After the results of the Faculty Interest Survey were available in the Spring, the SNC gathered together again to choose nominees for the 77 positions that needed filling on the Senate’s and university’s various councils and committees for 2017-18, one more than the previous year.

The 127 faculty nominations in 2016-17 by the SNC included 9 faculty from the Library, 34 from CAS departments, 30 from COBT departments, 29 from COFAC departments, and 25 from COEHS departments. Of the 127 nominations presented to the full Senate by the SNC throughout the year, 65 were men, 58 were women, and 4 were other (a new response choice for the 2017 survey).

The SNC also revised and administered, with the vital assistance of Recording Secretary Annette Hamm, the annual Faculty Interest Survey, which was sent electronically in Spring 2017 to all faculty members eligible to serve on councils and committees. Responses were received from 119 faculty members (compared to 141 in Spring 2016 and 114 in Spring 2015) -- 62 men, 56 women, and 1 other.

The SNC’s work was ably facilitated throughout the year by Senate Recording Secretary and Office Manager Annette Hamm, who, as always, provided invaluable assistance and institutional memory for the SNC members.