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**Faculty Senate Nominating Committee**

**Annual Report to the Faculty Senate, 2018-19**

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**Virginia R. Boynton, SNC Chair**

In 2018-19, the Faculty Senate Nominating Committee (SNC) was composed of Senator Cecil Tarrant (representing COBT), Senator Stacey Macchi (representing COFAC), Senator Jennifer Plos (representing COEHS), and Senator Ginny Boynton (representing COAS and serving as SNC Chair).

In 2018-19, the SNC met in person and corresponded via email throughout the year as needed, and presented 146 faculty nominations to Faculty Senate for positions on Senate and university councils and committees, 26 morethan the previous year. The SNC also distributed the Faculty Interest Survey, to which 97 faculty members responded, 30 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 22 positions on committees and councils that had opened up over the summer, 5 more than the previous year. (Two positions remained unfilled until subsequent Senate meetings.) After the results of the Faculty Interest Survey were available in the Spring, the SNC gathered together again to choose nominees for the 68 positions that needed filling on the Senate’s and university’s various councils and committees for 2019-20, 16 fewer than the previous year. (Two positions remain to be filled this fall.)

The 146 faculty nominations in 2018-19 by the SNC included 7 faculty from the Library, 50 from COAS departments, 32 from COBT departments, 25 from COFAC departments, and 32 from COEHS departments. Of the 146 nominations presented to the full Senate by the SNC throughout the year, 82 were men and 64 were women.

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 2019 to all faculty members eligible to serve on councils and committees. Responses were received from 97 faculty members (compared to 127 in Spring 2018, 119 in Spring 2017, 141 in Spring 2016, and 114 in Spring 2015) -- 51 men, 45 women, and 1 other. Eight Unit B faculty expressed their service preferences on the survey, of which 2 were nominated by SNC to councils and committees. Besides the eight who self-identified as Unit B, 61 faculty identified themselves as tenured and 26 identified as tenure track on the survey; two faculty did not respond to this question. Twelve survey respondents had been employed at WIU three years or less, 11 had worked at WIU 4-6 years, 15 had been here 7-9 years, 21 responded 10-14 years, 21 had worked 15-19 years at WIU, and 15 respondents had worked at WIU 25 years or more; two faculty did not respond to this question.

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.