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SUBJECT: Annual Senate Committee Report

Policies/Items completed during 2018-19

No new policies. The committee staffed its regular standing committees, the President’s Ad Hoc Committee on Honorary Degrees, Web Management Committee, and Range Elevation Committee, fulfilling its charge. The committee also reviewed and approved the annual University Committee Service Survey for distribution to all full-time faculty.

Ongoing Policies/Items

The committee completed all its appointment duties with the exception of election of a new chair for 2019-20 since a quorum was not obtained on the last meeting.

Future Policies/Items and Recommendations

The committee will continue to work on ways of becoming better informed about areas of expertise of volunteers and the particular desired qualifications and duties of the committees they would staff. The committee notes with gratitude that there was an increase in the number of volunteers in 2018-19. This year the committee members were more active in outreach and asked college volunteers to provide a summary of qualifications for the committee they would like to be nominated to. This made the nomination process more informed and should be a continuing practice.

Feedback and Recommendations

With the increase in faculty hiring, it continues to be a challenge to learn the qualifications of new faculty. The committee felt that the committee college representatives should reach out to their respective colleagues to become informed of their qualifications to serve on particular committees. The volunteer list compiled by the Senate Office does not list qualifications and perhaps these should be gathered as part of the interest survey. The committee also would like to hear from the chairs of the committees to be staffed about desired qualifications.