March 8, 2010

To: Faculty Senate
Via: Senate Executive Committee

From: William A. Dillon
Presiding Member
University ARTP Committee

Subj: Section 3.01 of University ARTP Policy

The University ARTP Committee recommends amendment of the subject section as follows:

3.01

A. …
B. 1. Nomination to serve on the University ARTP Committee shall not be limited to self-nomination. The right to nominate shall be limited to eligible voters.

2. Whenever a call for nominations to serve as an elected member of the University ARTP Committee produces no more than one nominee, the college faculty shall vote in an election called for the purpose to confirm or reject that nominee’s offer to serve.

C. …
D. …

The amendment codifies current practice. Proposed Section B.1 secures the faculty’s right to nominate against any effort to save staff the trouble of securing the consent of a nominee by limiting nominations to those nominating themselves. Instances of restricting the right to nominate to a person nominating her/himself have occurred recently.

Proposed Section B.2 saves the faculty’s right to elect its RTP peer review and policy committees from a decision not to hold a ratifying election in the case of a single nominee. Such decisions have been contemplated fairly recently but have been prevented when brought to the attention of the UARTP Committee or its presiding member.
These proposals have originated with a member of a Dean’s staff. That member, knowing the practices to be codified here, has sought codification because he/she is concerned that the unwritten practices that secure the full scope of the faculty’s right to elect might otherwise be forgotten by his/her successors even if passed on in the absence of written guidance. The Committee agrees.

The Committee requests that the Executive Committee schedule discussion and action on this item when the presiding member of the University ARTP Committee can attend.

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