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TO: Dean of the Faculty

RE: Annual Report of the Faculty Organization Committee

The Faculty Organization Committee had a fairly routine year as it performed its usual functions of conducting elections, overseeing committees, and making recommendations to the faculty and the administration on matters concerning faculty organization.

FOC also spent considerable time discussing concerns that arose with regard to the low number of faculty members on the ballot for the Chair of the Faculty. Consequently FOC has recommended that the course release for the Chair of the Faculty be increased to 3 courses per year. FOC also began to assess faculty sentiment for making Associate Professors eligible for the position of Faculty Chair, thus broadening the base of eligible faculty members. Although there was substantial support for this change, some serious reservations were voiced during divisional meetings, indicating that more discussion is required. This issue will continue to be addressed by the next FOC.

FOC also met with the President of the College and other members of the administration to exchange ideas on ways to structure faculty meetings in order to improve participation. The President and Dean of the College were receptive to FOC's suggestions and agreed to experiment with the structure of faculty meetings this next academic year.

The FOC would like to thank all members of the faculty who submitted their faculty committee preference questionnaire and thus expressed willingness to participate in college committees. The FOC especially thanks all faculty members who have agreed to serve on committees when asked.

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