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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Senate

FROM: Nominations and Elections Committee

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SUBJ: End-of-Year Report, Nominations and Elections Committee, Academic Year 2025-2026

**End-of-Year Report
Nominations and Elections Committee
Academic Year 2025-2026**

The Senate Nominations and Elections Committee began the Academic Year by filling a vacancy and reviewing its charge. We worked closely with Senate Clerk, Josh Bacon, to identify existing vacancies at the beginning of the academic year. Most committees/subcommittees had multiple vacancies, so Nominations and Elections contacted the committee/subcommittee chairs and asked if they wanted Nominations and Elections to help them identify potential candidates to fill the vacancies. Where desired, Nominations and Elections assisted with this task, and committees voted to approve individual candidates to fill vacancies, which were then forwarded to the Senate for final approval.

The biggest task Nominations and Elections has each year is spring elections. Our goal was to have more nominees than vacancies so that an election could be held. In almost all committees/subcommittees, we were able to identify more candidates than vacancies. And our hope is that this initial work can help us identify people who may be willing to fill vacancies as they open on committees (e.g., sabbaticals, etc.) or as Nominations and Elections receives requests for faculty participation on committees.

Our thanks to Senate Clerk, Josh Bacon, whose work, knowledge, and experience is invaluable to the Nominations and Elections Committee as it completes its work on behalf of the Senate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Nominations and Elections Committee, AY 2025-2026