2013-14 Report to the USC Academic Senate from the Committee on Rules, Membership and Election

The Academic Senate’s Committee on Rules, Membership, and Elections is charged to:

• prepare and conduct elections and referenda, such as the election of members of the Faculty Senate as provided in the Constitution and, upon invitation by one-third or more of the regular, full-time faculty of a department or other academic unit, to serve as temporary committee on special elections for that unit;
• certify and report the results of all elections and referenda to the Executive Board of the Senate;
• recommend procedures of election;
• take such interim action as is necessary to keep the membership of the Senate current and its list of alternates complete;
• propose amendments and changes to the Faculty Senate Constitution and Bylaws; and
• review all other proposed amendments to those documents.

During the 2013-14 Academic Year, the Committee was not called upon to prepare, conduct or certify any election or to recommend election procedures for any academic unit (beyond those requests routinely conveyed to the Senate and executed by its administrative staff), nor was an referendum held. Likewise, without interference by the Committee the administrative staff managed to carry out all actions needed to keep the list of Senate members and alternates complete and accurate.

No occasion arose for the Committee to propose amendments or changes in the Constitution or Bylaws, and no amendments were otherwise proposed that would have necessitated the Committee’s review.

The Committee is pleased to report that 2013-14 was a very satisfactory year.

Respectfully,

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Co-Chair

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