Final Report
Nominations Committee

May 7, 1997


The committee met three times. At the first meeting, the chair was elected, and nominations were made for an anticipated vacancy on the University Committee. At the second meeting, procedures were adopted (see below). Nominations to fill 61 elective positions were determined. For this purpose, the committee preference forms returned by a total of 180 faculty were used. For nominations to some committees, it was necessary for Committee members to contact additional nominees. While the Committee always considered the faculty preference forms, these were only returned by a relatively small number of faculty and it was sometimes necessary to eliminate candidates because they were from school/colleges or divisions or departments already represented on the committee for which nominations were sought. The Committee also recommended that University Committee nominees have the option to provide a one-half page personal statement (to be included in the ballot) which will include academic credentials, experience at UMW, and views on the future of the university. This was later introduced as legislation and passed by the Faculty Senate in February. At the third meeting, nominations for appointed positions were made.

Procedures:
1. The Committee will attempt to provide nominees so that committee memberships will have a balance among sexes, ranks, minorities, schools or colleges, and divisions.

2. Members of the Nominations Committee are eligible for membership on other committees.

3. Persons who completed the preference sheet will form the major pool of nominees. Others will be contacted by committee members and nominated as needed.

4. At least 2 persons will be nominated for each position.

5. Between meetings of the Committee, authority is delegated to the chairperson and the Secretary of the University, in consultation, to make deletions and additions to the slates of nominees as necessitated by circumstances. Any changes will be electronically communicated to the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
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