Elections Committee Year-End Report 2018-2019

Members: Gennifer Baker, Carin Engler, Alicia Laferriere

Genn filled in as past president for this committee since Jered Pigeon left NDSU in July.

We met once briefly to talk about postcards. Elizabeth Worth assisted in creating a new postcard design. We sent out a post card in April to the 6000/7000 bands to let them know that there was still time to be nominated.

We had a decent proxy list all year and it looks like we will have another good list for this coming year. For membership, we held steady at 48 senators for most of the year.

To bolster elections, an email was sent to everyone that attended a large Staff Senate event (Discover U and Staff Appreciation breakfast) inviting them to attend Staff Senate as a guest or become a Senator. There were zero responses.

Senators whose terms were ending were notified of their status by email and encouraged to run again. We ended up with four of 11 senators re-nominating themselves. We also had eight new senators elected.

For elected positions, we encouraged early nominations to expedite the election process in May. We were able to move along pretty quickly with election of President Elect, Secretary, At Large, Library, Athletics, and Learning Space. We had enough nominations eventually for the other committees: Staff Recognition, State Staff, Campus Space.

For budget, postcards would cost about $70 if we sent one card/once year. Budget proposed would be $100 to give some wiggle room in case we wanted to print anything else.

The postcards are below. The first one we sent in April. The second one was never sent out due to a confusion in communication.

Respectfully submitted,

Carin Engler Membership Chair/Election Committee