

Elections Year-End Report 2016-2017

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At the beginning of the year, we met to talk about how to recruit more members since we were short several senators and continued to lose some throughout the fall semester because of budget cuts. We decided to print 160 postcards and send them to new employees that were recently getting off of their 6-month probation (making them eligible to join) to remind them about Staff Senate. We acquired a list of probationary staff members from HR and as people came off probation, we addressed a postcard, and sent it to them via campus mail. We got a quote from President Bresciani for the postcard also to show that he supported staff members being on the senate.

We also developed a “tap card” campaign which meant current senators were able to take our readymade tap cards back to their departments and bring a fellow staff member to a future meeting. If they did that, they could put their name and the new person’s name on the card and turn it in for the possibility of winning a prize. We drew winners in the March meeting.

Our main task is scheduling elections for the senate and we started planning this in January. This whole process starts with nominations. We contacted IT in February to get this process rolling. Emails were sent to the senators whose term limits were up so that they knew they would have to run again to stay in the senate. Nominations were March 6-24. We made postcards to send to just employees in the 6000/7000 band in case they aren’t seeing their emails about nominations. We also had a table set up at the Staff Appreciation Day on March 22 to allow people to ask us questions and nominate themselves if they choose to. We then ran elections for those nominated which lasted March 29-31.

Our last duty of the year is to help facilitate the elections for the elected positions during the May meeting. A document was made ahead of time so that during the month of April, senators could nominate themselves or others for these elected positions to help streamline the elections. Elections went well and we filled all open positions in record time.