

Elections Year-End Report 2017-2018

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It was a difficult year maintaining and recruiting Staff Senate members. Budget cuts were the center of focus for many senators. Due to the cutbacks in staffing, workloads were increased, and it forced a number of resignations throughout the year. However, we were able to add members and maintained an enrollment in the mid-forties.

During Staff Appreciation events in September, participants were approached about becoming a proxy and from there a few employees agreed to becoming senators during the regular nomination and election period. It would be a good idea to continue to recruit during Staff Senate hosted events.

We were optimistic heading into the 2018 elections and began planning in late January. IT was contacted to setup the online links for the nomination and election processes. Those Senators whose terms were ending were notified and encouraged to run again. Once again we sent post cards to the 6000/7000 bands in an attempt to bolster their representation on Staff Senate however; we continue to have low numbers with these bands.

As far as budget is concerned, we continue to have enough in the budget to send postcards to the 6000/7000 bands. Also, it will be time to edit/review those recruitment postcards as the same ones were used two years in a row now.

Nominations were strong this year with a total of 25 elected senators and 15 of those were new to Staff Senate.

We rounded out the year assisting with the elections during the May meeting. Again, we focused on early nominations in April for the elected positions to expedite the election process at the May meeting.