Administrative Senate Constitution and By-Laws Committee 2014-15 Yearly Report

Committee Members:

Deb Butler Chair
Cindy Miller Vice Chair
Michelle Woodburn

Purpose of the Constitution and By-laws Committee:

Reviews the constitution and by-laws of the Senate and proposes changes based on input from senate membership annually.

History followed by Summary of 2014-2015 Activities:

After the original writing of the Administrative Senate Constitution and By-laws in 2009-10 and the full review in 2010-11, no significant actions were needed by the committee in 2011-12 until the completion of the senatorial elections in April. At the direction of the chair of the Administrative Senate, CBL initiated research and writing of a proposal to break ties in senatorial elections and these proposals were discussed and addressed during the 2012-13 Administrative Senate year. A date issue related to the ballot was also discovered and addressed. Proposals for the date issue and ties were included in the ballot and accepted to be used 2013-2014 forward.

During the 2014 election process, new issues arose regarding the definition of eligible administrators in the Constitution and By-Laws. Because this will require at least two consecutive meetings and in-depth discussion with founders of Administrative Senate, by-law changes are being tabled to be pursued in the 2015-2016 year. Past chair, Jayne Tang, recommended that during this evaluation it may be prudent to also revisit the detailed steps listed for Nominations and Elections and consider some flexibility in the language, with suggested steps possibly relocating to the procedure manual.