

FAUW Elections Committee Report to the Membership

Background

In the past few years, discussions around the table at the FAUW Board of Directors have often been lacking in information about practices occurring in certain faculties because we happen not to have someone on the Board from those academic units. During the 2015-16 academic year, the elections cycle brought to office a FAUW Board whose membership was particularly skewed toward the Faculty of Arts, and missing voices from three of the faculties on campus (see Table I below).

Table I – The 2015-16 FAUW Board of Directors

Name	Faculty	Position	Term Ends
Sally Gunz	Arts	President	June 2016
Bryan Tolson	Engineering	Vice-President	June 2017
David Porreca	Arts	Past President	June 2016
Lynne Taylor	Arts	Treasurer	June 2016
Vivian Choh	Science		June 2017
Shannon Dea	Arts		June 2017
Heidi Engelhardt	Science		June 2017
Greta Kroeker	Arts		June 2016
Elise Lepage	Arts		June 2017
Paul Wehr	Arts		June 2017

In the course of much-needed revisions to the FAUW Constitution, approved at the Association's Fall General Meeting in 2015, we expanded the Board to 13 members. These 13 spots will include one member from each of the six faculties on campus and one Lecturer, as well as the President, Past President and four at-large members.

The new constitution also calls for the President's election to happen in the Fall term, to facilitate departmental planning for the President's course buyouts.

Election Procedures for 2016-17

In order to enable a smooth shift to the expanded board and new electoral cycle, the following provisions have been agreed to by the FAUW Board.

- 1) Heidi Engelhardt will fill the Lecturer's Board position until the end of her term in June 2017.
- 2) Other board members whose terms end in June 2017 will be considered "at-large" members.
- 3) The election of the President will happen in March for the last time, so that we have a President in place for July 1 of this year. The next round of elections for FAUW President will be in the Fall of 2017 for a term starting on July 1, 2018.
- 4) Exceptionally, in order to maintain the at-large mandates of ongoing Board members, the number of at-large representatives will be 5 instead of 4 for the 2016-17 academic year.

This results in a unique two-year election cycle as we transition:

2016: Elections for the FAUW President and 6 by-faculty Board members.

2017: Elections for the Lecturer's position, and 4 at-large Board members.

Questions?

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