

Memorandum

From: Senate Personnel and Elections Committee (Chair: David Hill)
To: Senate Executive Committee
Re: Proposal to Forego Filling Upcoming Vacancies for Three Senate Committees Pending Review
Date: March 20, 2017

It has been brought to the attention of the P&E Committee that the Senate Advisory Committee on Budget and Planning, the Senate Advisory Committee on Library Policy, and the Senate Advisory Committee on Salaries and Benefits have entered a period of inactivity as the nature of the work done by these committees has evolved over time and, in some instances, been taken up by other committees and entities.

The P&E Committee proposes that the upcoming vacancies on these committees not be filled at the end of this academic year, so that the P&E Committee next year, in collaboration with ex officio committee members (i.e. related administrators, etc.), will be able to evaluate the activities of the committees and determine whether they might be consolidated, reduced, or eliminated. The net effect of not filling the vacancies will be to temporarily shrink the size of the committees by about one-third, which can be adjusted accordingly depending on the outcome of the review next year.