

ANNUAL REPORT

STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL OF RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE

Committee: **ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

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1. Committee Members:

Vincent Bohlinger, Chair
Desiree McNeil
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2. Meeting Dates:

There were no official meetings held during this academic year.

3. Committee Activities:

As Vincent Bohlinger was serving on the College Council and therefore was already attending College Council meetings, he was the committee member who administered all ballot voting this year. Here are the specific incidents of voting this academic year:

- On 8 May 2015, the first meeting of the 2015-2016 College Council, a ballot was distributed for the election of the Chair of Council. As the voting resulted in a tie, a second round of balloting was needed.
- On 11 December, the members of College Council held the equivalent of a vote of confidence on President Carriuolo with makeshift ballots.

4. Decisions Approved and Actions Taken:

The only actions this academic year were the above-mentioned votes. In April 2016, Vincent Bohlinger sent emails to each respective department about potentially contestable seats on the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, but no department submitted a candidate to run against those volunteering to renew their terms. Similarly, an announcement was sent out to all faculty in mid-April about two vacant At-Large seats on College Council. As there were only two nominations for these seats, no election was needed.

5. Specific Recommendations to New Committee:

For this year, it has seemed to make sense that the Chair of the Elections Committee also be the Chair of the Committee on Committees. The Chair only volunteered to serve on this committee because no one else did, but having the same person hold both positions has proven both convenient and expedient.

6. Self-Evaluation:

There is little written institutional history for this committee. Hopefully annual reports such as this will prove helpful in pointing to timelines and procedures.