Nominations, Elections, Appointments, & Constitution Committee (NEAC)

Members during AY 2014-2015:

- Ana Hernandez (CEHHS)
- Kristin Bates (CHABSS)
- Wenyuh Tsay (CoBA)
- Ian Chan (Library)
- Robert Sheath (CSM)—Spring 2015
- Richelle Swan (At-large, Chair)

Activities during AY 2014-2015:

NEAC’s major focus during the year was filling seats for committees; six calls for service were issued throughout the year for vacancies. NEAC evaluated the volunteers who showed interest in each seat and made recommendations to the Executive Committee and the Senate.

Number of vacant seats: 76 (Call 1); 62 (Call 2); 61 (Call 3); 52 (Call 4); 46 (Call 5); 73 (Call 6)
Number of people volunteering for seats: 18 (Call 1); 17 (Call 2); 9 (Call 3); 7 (Call 4); 5 (Call 5); TBD (Call 6)
Number of seats filled: 17 (Call 1); 14 (Call 2); 6 (Call 3); 6 (Call 4); 5 (Call 5); TBD (Call 6)

In addition, NEAC oversaw the Academic Senate Spring Elections that occurred in April 2015 and Fall and Spring Constitution and Bylaws Referendums. In the Fall Referendum, a sufficient number of faculty voters participated, and the proposed amendments passed. This resulted in a number of changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, including the creation of four additional seats reserved for part-time temporary faculty (lecturers), which brought the total of such seats to five, and the creation of an interdisciplinary seat on the Program Assessment Committee (PAC). In the Spring Referendum, not enough faculty voters participated for the votes to count. Therefore, the votes on the proposed changes related to uncoupling the Vice-Chair and Chair seats and changing the required officer terms could not be considered.

Other NEAC activities this year included: consideration of alternative procedures for filling unfilled committee seats; research on all of the CSU campuses’ rules related to the Senate Officer Seats and NEAC recommendations for changes to our own that were presented to Senate leadership and the Executive Committee; involvement on a NEAC/FAC taskforce on lecturer inclusion in the Senate that resulted in a plan for compensation for lecturer service for those filling one of five part-time Senate seats or the Faculty Affairs Committee lecturer seats; and the creation of membership and voting guidelines for the new interdisciplinary seat on the Program Assessment Committee.

Agenda for AY 2015-2016

During the next academic year, NEAC will continue to focus on filling vacant seats in the
Senate and university committees, as well as conducting the Academic Senate Elections. It is likely that NEAC will continue to be involved in ongoing discussions about lecturer inclusion in Senate and on Senate committees. In addition, because the Senate leadership would like to hear the will of the majority of the faculty on the matters included in the Spring referendum, it is likely there will be another referendum on uncoupling the Vice-Chair and Chair seats, and changing the terms of the Senate officer seats.

Members, Chair, and Meeting Time for 2015-16
The new NEAC members for next year include: Aníbal Yánez-Chávez (CHASS), Moses Ochanji (CEHHS), Paul Stuhr (At large). They will join the continuing members on the committee: Wenyuh Tsay (CoBA), Ian Chan (Library), and Robert Sheath (CSM). The chair for the 2015-2016 academic year will be determined in our last meeting of the year, which occurs during finals week. NEAC conducts most of its business electronically; in-person meetings are typically scheduled twice a semester (at the beginning and at the end of the semester) and on an as-needed basis.