November 26, 2013

MEMORANDUM

TO: Academic Senate Executive Committee

FROM: University Personnel Committee

Brian Tsukimura, Chair

RE: Vacancies on Senate Committees

The University Personnel Committee wishes to express concern over the absence of candidates for Senate Committees on recent ballots and the total number of vacancies in many of the committees. We hope that the Senate Executive Committee members will take a greater role in encouraging greater faculty participation on these committees and actively recruit our colleagues to participate in our shared governance. In addition, we suggest that you contact the Committee Chairs to participate in increasing participation on these committees.

We wish to suggest that the number of days for candidates to obtain 15 signatures be extended to 10 working days from 5, to give candidates sufficient time to both ponder running for the position, and to obtain needed signatures.