

To: Cigdem Gurgur, Presiding Officer

From: Steve Buttes, ILCS/COLA, designated member of EPC to convene the first meeting

Subject: Filling Educational Policy Committee Vacancies to Enable the Committee to Convene and Conduct Business

WHEREAS, the Educational Policy Committee convened its first meeting on September 6, 2024 and could not achieve a quorum to conduct business and elect a chair; and,

WHEREAS, the committee currently stands at four Voting Faculty Members and three Ex-Officio members with three Voting Faculty vacancies; and,

WHEREAS, to achieve a quorum for conducting business all Senate committees must comply with section I.B.3.1.1. of the Senate Bylaws: “Committees and subcommittees shall be composed of Faculty, with Voting Faculty comprising at least two-thirds (2/3) of its voting membership and at least one of them being a Senator;” and,

WHEREAS, the currently-seated committee (4/7 = 57%) cannot meet the requirements of I.B.3.1.1. of the Senate Bylaws and thus convene to conduct business and take affirmative action to elect a chair and resolve the committee vacancies (as per Bylaws I.B.3.2.2.); and,

WHEREAS, having an Educational Policy Committee (EPC) that is unable to conduct business would significantly disrupt the work of the Senate for the current academic year as EPC members sit on the Advising Program Council (which would not be able to conduct business without EPC members) and is the parent committee of three subcommittees (which would have their work (including oversight of the recently approved General Education Program) stalled without a functioning Educational Policy Committee); and,

WHEREAS, the current membership of the Educational Policy Committee has identified three Voting Faculty willing to fill the EPC vacancies; and,

WHEREAS, the current membership of the Educational Policy Committee has informally discussed in its September 6 gathering and via email how to fill the vacancies and arrived at the names of three willing members of the Voting Faculty; and,

WHEREAS, there has been no opposition expressed from current members of the committee and a suggestion by unanimous consent that these vacancies be filled by these volunteers from the Voting Faculty; and,

WHEREAS, only the Senate can take affirmative action to fill the vacancies as the Educational Policy Committee cannot convene to conduct business;

BE IT RESOLVED, the Senate names Mike Wolf (POLS), Holly Hullinger-Sirken (SOE) and Sarah Wagner (LIB) to fill the terms associated with the current Voting Faculty vacancies on the Educational Policy Committee.