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## **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

As a general policy of the Committee on Committees (COC), and in the spirit of cooperation and shared governance, a list of prospective candidates identified by COC for the Academic Senate's Committee on Privilege & Tenure, Complaint Advisor Panel, Committee on Committees, Council on Academic Personnel, Reserve Council on Academic Personnel, and Senate Chair Elect-Secretary will be forwarded to the Vice Provost for Academic Personnel (VPAP) prior to their final selection.

Since these positions either deal with sensitive personnel matters, or broadly represent the faculty, the intent is to determine whether prospective candidates have conflicts or other issues that may be known to the VPAP, but not to COC members. If the VPAP feels that any individual may be inappropriate, the reason(s) will be shared, subject to the principles of confidentiality, with the Chair of COC and the Divisional Senate Chair. The Chair of COC and the Divisional Senate Chair may relay the reason(s) to the full COC membership at their discretion. The final authority for selection of these individuals to be placed on the slate of appointees or nominees will continue to rest with COC in accordance with Senate bylaws.

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COC Member Solicitation Language Enclosure:

## **COC MEMBER SOLICITATION LANGUAGE**

Members should share the following language with any prospective candidates for the Committee on Privilege & Tenure, Complaint Advisor Panel, Committee on Committees, Council on Academic Personnel, Reserve Council on Academic Personnel, and Senate Chair Elect-Secretary when contacting them to serve.

Members of the Academic Senate's Committee on Privilege & Tenure, Complaint Advisor Panel, Committee on Committees, Council on Academic Personnel, Reserve Council on Academic Personnel, and the Senate Chair Elect-Secretary either deal with sensitive personnel matters or broadly represent the faculty. Because of this, the Committee on Committees (COC) will thoroughly vet nominees to identify any conflicts or issues of concern. Also, in the spirit of full disclosure, a list of names of faculty who agreed to serve on these committees or as Senate Chair Elect-Secretary may be forwarded to the Vice Provost for Academic Personnel (VPAP) prior to their final selection. The intent is to determine whether prospective candidates have conflicts or other issues that may be known to the VPAP, but not to COC members. While COC will consider input from the VPAP, the Committee is responsible for making the final selection of all appointees or candidates for Academic Senate committees and councils.