

**Elections Committee
Minutes for January 17, 2023**

Attendees: Carmen Coury, Klay Kruczek, Daniel Swartz

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Collection of Minutes, Bylaws, and Other Information for Committees: The Elections Committee suggests reinstating the Webmaster, as a stand-alone position on Faculty Senate. The Webmaster would reach out to the chair(s) of each Faculty Senate subcommittee and All-University committee to gather minutes, bylaws, and any other relevant information. The Webmaster would not serve on any Faculty Senate nor would they serve on the Executive Committee. They would communicate with the Office of Information Technology to determine a mechanism for storing the relevant files and making them available to the faculty. The Webmaster would work with the Faculty Senate President and the Chair of the Elections Committee to identify the committees and their chairs.

Advising and Admissions: We received information on the relationship between first-year and transfer students, the date of their initial advising appointment, their GPA in the first two semesters, their credits earned/attempted in the first two semesters, and the retention rate. We also learned about deadlines for applications for both transfer and first-year students. Although the data suggests there is a correlation between a student's GPA and when their initial advising appointment occurs, we were not sure the low GPA was caused by a late advising appointment. There could be other factors involved. We discuss this with members of the advising teams at Southern to see about possible recommendations.