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## **Committee of Eleven Annual Report 2016-17**

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English

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Medicine

Prof. John Hildebrand (5/00-5/18)  
Neuroscience

Prof. Lynn Nadel (6/14-5/17), Chair of the  
Faculty, Psychology

Prof. Moisés Paiewonsky (1/15-5/17), Music

Prof. Marcia Rieke (10/15-5/18) Astronomy

Prof. Arthur Sanders (6/15-5/17)  
Emergency Medicine

Ms. Jasmine Sears (8/14-5/17) GPSC

Prof. Roy Spece (6/16-5/18) Law

Prof. Maria N. Zedeno (6/12-5/17) Anthropology

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The committee was established in 1947 by President James Byron McCormick to obtain advice from the faculty. When the Faculty Senate and Constitution were established in 1948, the Committee of Eleven was defined constitutionally and membership determined by faculty-wide election. It is unique in higher education governance structures and is independent of other faculty or administrative committees or organizations. The Committee of Eleven is University-wide and does not have a prescribed agenda.

Faculty Constitution Article V, Section 3 provides:

The Committee of Eleven shall:

- a. Initiate, promote, and stimulate study and action dealing with and looking toward solution of situations and problems of interest and concern to the faculty and to the University.
- b. Make reports to the General Faculty or the Faculty Senate.
- c. Speak for the General Faculty as and when authorized by the General Faculty.



The Committee of Eleven's focus for 2016-2017 Academic Year was on the administrative structure of the University. In particular our topics considered were:

- The upper level administration – we currently have 3 senior vice presidents of academic areas. The Provost, the SVP for Health Sciences, and the SVP for Research all reporting directly to the President of the University.
- The status of RCM and the transparency with which RCM dollars are distributed by the colleges.
- The status of tenure and post-tenure review.

As is its practice, the Committee of Eleven met with key individuals during the academic year to support these inquiries. These included:

Dr. Andrew Comrie, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Kimberly Espy, Senior Vice President for Research and Innovation

As a result of our investigations we have created a White Paper on these topics. It will be presented at the first available senate meeting and available on the C11 website.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven Schwartz, Chair  
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