Motion on Elections

Professors David Feldman and Robin Gorsky were elected to vacancies on the Faculty Council.

Professor Carolyn Mebert was elected as vice chair of the Faculty Caucus and the Academic Senate.
Robin D. Gorsky, Ph.D.,

I am running for the position of Member of the Academic Senate Faculty Council.

Biographical Information:
I came to the Department of Health Management and Policy as an Assistant Professor in the fall, 1984. I was promoted to Associate Professor in June, 1990. I teach both epidemiology (a Gen.Ed. biological science) and applied quantitative methods (a required course in our major). My research is determining the cost of prevention versus treatment for chronic and infectious diseases.

Qualifications:
I have been a member of the Academic Senate Budget and Planning Committee since academic year 1991/2 and will be chair of the committee next academic year. I was a representative to the Academic Senate for academic years 1989/90 through 1992/3 and have been reelected to serve next year. I was a member of the General Education Committee for academic years 1989/90 through 1991/2 and was involved in the original course cluster, diversity, and writing proposals.
As chair of Budget and Planning, I can make a unique contribution to the Faculty Caucus. In addition, I can easily bring faculty concerns to the Budget and Planning Committee.

The Future of the Senate:
The Academic Senate needs to represent all components of the campus community: faculty, staff, students, administrators. The Senate is a forum for all four components to have an opportunity to speak with the others. It is the one place where we can work toward commonalities rather than differences. Representatives to the Senate need to address and implement this attitude.

The Senate is perceived to be powerless because it is seen as indecisive. Each component wants to represent its constituents' views without regard to the other components' views. This is counterproductive and wasteful of our time. We need to recover our decision making power; but this can only be done by each constituency realizing that if each gives a little, we all gain a lot.

The Senate needs to become closer to the people it represents. In this way, our power should grow and more faculty, staff, and students may become active or at least engaged in the debates before us.

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Biographical Information:

Associate Professor of Psychology; at UNH since 1979

Bachelor's and Ph.D. from Boston University

Member, Board of Directors, Strafford Guidance Center

University Service: currently on Planning Council and Climate Task Force

Previously: Senate (Library Committee), Caucus (Economic Welfare), Research Council, Chair of Child-Care Task Force, AAUP Sec., Treasurer and Chair of Legislative Relations; Salary Equity Analyst

Philosophy re: Senate:

I would like to see faculty have a stronger voice in decisions and would work toward transforming Caucus into a Faculty Senate. Committee structure and organization may need modification to enhance effectiveness. The maintenance of open lines of communication among campus constituencies would remain important