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MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Susanmarie Harrington, President  
SLA Faculty Assembly

**FROM:** Larbi Oukada  
Chair of SLA Nominating Committee, 2005-2006

**SUBJECT:** Nominating Committee Report

**DATE:** April 21, 2006

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First, I wish to thank the committee members, Margaret Ferguson (POL), Catherine Dobris (COM), and Jennifer Thorington-Springer (ENG), for diligent work in slating elections for elected committees and officers. I also wish to thank Susanmarie Harrington, Pat Wittburg, and Bill Stuckey for their help.

In its deliberations over the past school year, the Nominating Committee attempted to get at least one more nominee than positions to be filled for each election. The committee was successful in all cases but one.

The committee members had difficulty meeting in person; so most of the committee's business was conducted via email.

Here are some recommendations for the next year Nominating Committee.

- Although the bulk of the Committee's business can be completed in the spring term, committee members should begin in the fall nominating individuals who might be excellent candidates for the various positions.
- The Chair should review the Faculty Assembly website and by-laws to keep abreast of the various restrictions on committee membership and to balance for rank, discipline, gender, and any other diversity issues. The Chair should also be in constant contact with the Faculty Assembly President and the Secretary of the Agenda Council.

- To facilitate the work of the Committee, the Chair of the Nominating Committee should ask the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for an accurate list of faculty and a list of individuals who have applied for sabbatical leave.