Literacy, Culture and Language Education
Guidelines for Department Chair Selection

All tenured faculty, tenure probationary faculty, clinical faculty, half-time faculty, and visiting instructors can participate in the chair selection of the department.

LCLE tenured faculty: Stephanie Carter, James Damico, Mary Beth Hines, Mitzi Lewison, Larry Mikulecky, Martha Nyikos, and Faridah Pawan

Faculty Previously Serving as Chair: Hines, Mikulecky, and Nyikos

Nomination Process
• The departmental faculty will meet with the Dean.

• The departmental faculty will have open meetings to discuss possible candidates and procedures. Meetings can occur via e-mail, phone, in-person, or a combination thereof.

• The department will nominate a minimum of three candidates (SEE CANDIDACY) and proceed with a vote (SEE VOTING PROCEDURE).

Candidacy
• Each candidate must be tenured in order to be eligible for the LCLE Chair position.

• Each candidate can write an optional paragraph detailing his/her strengths as a future leader of the department. This information will be disseminated to voting participants.

• Each candidate cannot decline nomination.

• The Dean will be sent a list of the candidates as well as each candidate’s paragraph detailing his/her strengths as a future leader.

Voting Procedure
• The department will designate a day and a time for all participants to cast their votes.

• Faculty members will vote by secret ballot. A drop box will be placed in a monitored location.

• Voting members will cast their votes by indicating their choice for chair along with a short explanation of the rationale for their vote.

• All participants in the voting process will be asked to place their initials on a roster as they cast their votes. However, participants who are unable to vote in person may vote via e-mail, proxy, or phone.

• Votes will be counted during a department meeting. Each of the top three candidates will be ranked in terms of the number of votes that he or she received.

• The Dean and voting participants will be sent vote totals and summaries of reasons for supporting candidates.

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