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There clearly was remaining discomfort after yesterday's 8-5 vote on the Scoloveno resolution designating the elected NFC officers as the representatives to the President's faculty committee - both because of the ad hoc procedure, and the concern that you, Ted and Nabil, represent too narrow a slice of the Campus (although that's likely to be true of any 3 people). I have sent the names down to the President, but I think the episode suggests that the NFC consider making a few changes in procedure:

1. the elected officers of the NFC should probably be more broadly representative in any case; perhaps the new presidential ctee. will also lead more people to be interested in serving as NFC officers;

2. I wrote you with this procedure as a suggestion in early January but the Exec. Ctee. apparently met only a few minutes before the full Council meeting yesterday with no time to develop an alternative plan, or talk to me;

3. the solution to both 1 and 2, above, it seems to me, is a change in the by-laws to require a nominating committee which can bring in a slate of officers (or nominees for this sort of ctee.) balanced among Newark schools and after consultation to see whether nominees will serve, or to check on other considerations that arise in specific cases, with the understanding that the Council will ordinarily respect such a slate and not undermine the balance with nominations from the floor, etc., as we've been doing.

For now, I interpret the NFC vote as sending these representatives for the balance of this spring only, and we can take a fresh shot at it in the fall.

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cc: NFC members  
(w/attachment)