

Minutes from Governance Council
October 3, 2012

Members Present: K. Malu, B. Duffy, P. Vovchuk, P. Jackson, A. Arya, E. Phadia, H. Zhang

Members Absent: I. Olaye

1. The council voted to have Kathy Malu continue as chair of the committee for the academic year 2012-2013. The vote was unanimous.
2. Diane Falk, Vice Chair of the Faculty Senate, delivered the Council Charges for the year. The Senate approved these charges on September 28, 2012.
3. Falk explained that the council needs to consider how it might “align itself and work with the implementation teams” for the Strategic Plan, if applicable.
4. The process by which emeritus applications are submitted was reviewed. The applications should go to Diane Falk, the Vice Chair who will refer them to the Council. Kathy Malu, chair of the Governance Council, will be cc'd.
5. Falk said it was up to the committee to prioritize the charges. However, work does need to be done “to clarify election procedures as outlined in the Senate By-Laws and Roberts Rules of Order.” The Senate needs clarification on voting matters, i.e. whether elections should be show of hands or paper ballot. The by-laws currently say that all elections should be done electronically. The Senate needs clarification if that should be the case campus-wide and/or on the senate floor.

---The Governance Council should work in concert with the Elections Council, though it was agreed that the Elections Council should take the lead on this matter and then send it to the Governance Council.

---This election issue is a priority and needs to be clarified by April 2013 for the next Faculty Senate election.
6. B. Duffy said he would work on charge number one: Develop a simple application and form with relevant information for applications for professor emeritus which will then be posted on Senate webpage.
7. For charge number two: Work with administration to develop a means of communication to inform departments and the Senate of state of materials to Broad of Trustees. The Governance Council only needs to make a recommendation.
8. The list of emeritus candidates are: Parker, Saa, Connolly, DeYoung, and Dye. [Should I say A, B, C, D, E instead of citing their names?]

9. Faculty Senate voted favorably for emeritus status for following faculty: Goldstein, Gaydosh, Mahon and Pardi on April 10, 2012 and Collins – February 28, 2012.

9. The committee briefly discussed charge number five: if the Senate minutes should be public to the “university community or a wider audience.” It was decided that we did not know enough about past practices to make a determination and that we would seek such information by asking Bill to provide it. Malu will email B. Duffy, who had to leave early, to ask about past practices so that we can take up the matter in the next meeting. It was suggested B. Duffy either email the committee or be prepared to talk at the next meeting.

--Currently the Senate minutes, “which are approved can be seen by anyone who has access to the Faculty Senate webpages.”

10. The committee discussed the language for charge number four: at issue the following words, “act upon” and “reasonable notice.” The committee decided we needed to understand the context for the words “act upon.” Malu will email Falk to ask in which sentence the words appear so that we have a better understanding of the context.

--For the words “reasonable notice,” the committee voted unanimously on the following replacement words: “reasonable notice of a period not less than 24 hours.”

11. The next Governance Council meeting will take place: October 31, 2:00-3:30 in the Dean's Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Phoebe Jackson