

Governance Council  
January 31, 2022  
1pm-2pm  
Zoom link

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Call to order:

1. Attendance
  - a. In attendance: Gary Marks, Fanny Lauby, Chester Verceglia, Diana Peck, Ellen Pozzi, Solomon Nyaanga, Elizabeth Galetz, Johanna Prado
  - b. Absent: Ventkat Sharma
2. Appointment of minute taker- Ellen Pozzi
3. Approval of 12/3/21 [Minutes](#)- Motion to accept Chet, seconded by Fanny; approved by consent
4. Representation Forums Recap- Survey Report –needs to be presented to Senate next week (February 8<sup>th</sup>).
  - a. [Summary of Survey Responses](#) Reviewed summary. Will include survey responses as an addendum. Ellen motioned to send to Senate exec board, Chet seconded, approved by consent.
  - b. [Summary of Forum Comments](#) Reviewed summary. Chet moves to send to Senate Executive Board, Fanny seconded, approved by consent.Will be combined into single document (both summaries and the Qualtrics results) and sent to Senate Executive Committee.
5. Report to Senate 2/8/22: Who can be there: Fanny, Diana, Ellen, Gary

The council was charged in AY 2019-20 with conducting research on Faculty Senate Representation and was specifically charged in the 2021-22 AY with hosting open forums to allow open discussion amongst the university community regarding representation. In the fall 2021 semester, the council hosted two open forums and disseminated a supplemental survey for those unable to attend the forums. Participation in the forums and survey was extremely low. It is the opinion of the council and was a sentiment of faculty in attendance at the forums, that low participation can be explained by the current context of uncertainty in the university environment. Summarizing what we discovered. No single model stood out from any other. A consensus could be conveyed that of those who did provide thoughts, the Current model is not unacceptable but may need some modifications, yet not specific modification stood out as a profound option which we can recommend. A general sentiment of improve rather than change. I'd like to acknowledge the members of the SGA Executive committee as the majority of survey respondents and forum participants were students rather than faculty. Based on listening to the University Community, at this time there is no clear recommendation from the council regarding senate representation.

6. [Const Amendment Student Ex Officio](#)- Approved at 12/3 mtg.

7. [Const Amendment procedure](#) We were asked to put this together and submit to Senate Exec. Procedure outlined in constitution, need to figure out process. Should we do it electronically or on paper? Can submit as PDF, enabling electronic signatures. Postpone vote until next meeting. Gary will get working PDF document together.
8. New Business: None
9. February meeting date: Monday February 28<sup>th</sup> 1pm
10. Adjournment: 1:59