

Governance Council Meeting

January 31, 2018, 12:30-1:45 pm

Faculty Senate Seminar

Present: V. Sharma, G. Marks, L. Dean, J. Prado, K. Martus, P. Jackson

1. Meeting was called to order at 12: 31.
2. P. Jackson volunteered to take the minutes.
3. The minutes for 11/29/17 were approved.
4. By-Law & Constitution Amendments Final Proposal Review for Emeritus policy: There are three documents: (1) Proposal to Remove Section II ge and all Subsections in their entirety; (2) Proposal to Amend the By-Laws; (3) Proposal to Amend the Constitution with strikeouts included. All three of these proposals are available to Governance Council members on OneDrive. May Chabayta has received a clean copy of those changes. For the next step, K. Martus will contact Peter Griswold to have him put these three proposals on the Faculty Senate agenda.
5. Senate By-Law Amendment Procedure ~ Proposal Review & discussion: Currently, the by-laws do not have any procedure for how they are amended. The committee discussed a policy for amending the senate by-laws. G. Marks will draft a proposal that describes this new policy. K. Martus has provided a flow chart to explain the policy. This flow chart is available on OneDrive.
6. The Senate Executive committee has charged the Governance Council with coming up with a policy that would spell out term limits for the Promotions, UFRAC, ART, Sabbatical and Professional Staff promotions. The committee discussed developing a proposal for a two term limit for all of the above committees. The committee also agreed that the policy for candidate eligibility and the information on the nominating policy should be part of the by-laws. The question that is still unanswered: in which part of the by-laws should this policy go. This question will be addressed at the next meeting.
7. The Faculty Senate Executive committee has requested that the Governance committee draft a policy formalizing a due diligence process for departments that don't have three tenured faculty for their Promotions and DFRAC committees, thereby allowing faculty to go outside their department to appoint another faculty member. The committee began discussion on this topic but due to lack of time tabled it for the next meeting. We noted that a process does exist in the Faculty Handbook.

8. The Governance committee will convene its next meeting on February 28, 12:30-1:45 in the Faculty Senate Seminar room.

Respectfully submitted,

Phoebe Jackson