

Governance Council Meeting
November 29, 2017, 12:30-1:45
Faculty Senate Seminar

Present: G. Guerrieri, V. Sharma, S. Godar, G. Marks, L. Dean, J. Prado, K. Martus

1. Martus and Marks presented information from the Faculty Senate luncheon. Accordingly, changes were suggested to the evaluation process to include the next level of administrators like the associate provost. It was also recommended that the assessments of the administrators take place earlier in the spring and before the Board of Trustees meeting in June. Getting the assessments done earlier would give administrators the information they need to make pertinent decisions about those being evaluated.
2. Martus proffered the idea of recommending that all councils have a manual laying out procedures and policies of the individual councils. The committee discussed whether or not there was a need for such manuals. Guerrieri suggested that if a council had something to do procedurally, then a manual might be warranted.
3. The manual discussion led into a discussion of what should be posted to the Faculty Senate website. It was recommended that the Election Council post their elections manual to the Faculty Senate website, under the Election Council documents.
4. Marks discussed the need for symmetry between a council's standing charges and the by-laws. In some cases, they don't match up. This discussion will be continued.
5. The committee reviewed the document to amend the by-laws regarding the change in the emeritus policy. Godar moved to accept the removal of Sec. II 9.e in its entirety. Prado seconded the motion. The motion to approve was unanimous.
6. Godar moved to amend the Senate Constitution by removing the following words from lines 91-92: "including recommendations for emeritus status." Prado seconded the motion. The motion to approve was unanimous.
7. In his research, Marks found resolutions approved by Governance committee and approved by Senate in 2014 that did not make it into the by-laws. Martus made a motion to have Marks send these documents to the Senate Executive committee. Prado seconded the motion. The motion carried with unanimous support.
8. Godar brought up the question of term limits and said she would like to see it go into a policy manual. A practice of term limits would mean a change to the Elections manual. The discussion raised a number of issues, and it was agreed we need to spend more time with this

topic and to invite the Elections Council to one of the Governance Council meetings to weigh in on the matter.

9. The entire council thanked May Chabayta for arranging to have a telephone put in the conference room so that LaShauna Dean could join us.

10. The Governance Council will meet next semester, January 31, 2018 from 12:30-2:00.

11. Godar moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Phoebe Jackson