

Governance Committee
Sandra Rezac, Chair
2020 Fall Plenary
Zoom
October 15-16, 2020

Charge: The Committee will concern itself with University-wide governance and shall provide guidance on matters of campus governance. The committee shall interact with local governance leaders of the University. The committee is responsible for the publication of the Governance Handbook and will review and update it every four years.

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Committee Goals for 2020-21:

- a. Review and update the Governance Handbook.
- b. Prepare a rubric on the assessment of shared governance. Building on work from the SUNY Council on Assessment (SCoA) and the Faculty Council on Community Colleges (FCCC), we will develop a rubric to assess shared governance on SUNY state-op and statutory campuses.
- c. Write a resolution regarding the importance of maintaining effective shared governance practices during times of crisis.
- d. Organize a plenary panel discussion between reps from Faculty Senate, UUP, and System about the line between the work of Senates and the Union around program deactivations. New senators and CGLs often wonder about the demarcation of the work of faculty senates and UUP in general. The issue of program deactivations is particularly sticky, since it can be hard (but necessary, from a shared governance standpoint) to separate a senate

discussion of the value and mission-relevance of an academic program from the idea that there may be job losses if the program doesn't continue. This is also a particularly timely issue since we're likely to see discussion of deactivations in the next year.

e. Collaboration with Operations Committee on two of their resolutions:

Resolution to Institute 360 Review Practices for SUNY's M/C Employees (Governance members: James McLean and David Vitt)

Generate a Best Practices Report for administrative searches (Governance members: David Vitt, Ray Carman, Mike Motta)

f. Review and revise the UFS Election Handbook

Committee meeting dates (include type of meeting):

Since the Spring 2020 Plenary, the following conference calls and meetings have been held:

September 24-25, 2020. Fall Planning Meeting via zoom. The Governance Committee set the committee agenda for the coming year. We also began writing a resolution on effective shared governance during crisis and discussed the plenary panel.

September 29, 2020. Governance Committee Conference Call. We completed a resolution on effective shared governance during times of crisis and submitted it for inclusion at the Fall Plenary.

Committee accomplishments since the last plenary meeting:

We submitted the "Resolution regarding the importance of maintaining effective shared governance practices during times of crisis." for discussion at the fall plenary.

Our panel "How Do Shared Governance and the Union Differ? Program Deactivation as a Case Study" is taking place at the fall plenary.