

Governance Committee
Sandra Rezac, Chair
2021 Spring Plenary
Zoom
April 22-24, 2021

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. (Update: Resolution passed at Fall 2020 Plenary)
- 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. (Update: Panel held at Fall 2020 Plenary.)

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) (Update: Resolution is on the agenda for the Spring 2021 Plenary)

Generate a Best Practices Report for administrative searches (Governance members: David Vitt, Ray Carman, Mike Motta) (Update: After discussion, this has been delayed until next year.)

f. Review and revise the UFS Election Handbook. (Update: This was completed March 2021)

Committee meeting dates (include type of meeting):

Since the Winter 2021 Plenary, the following conference calls and meetings have been held:

March 31, 2021. Full Governance Committee meeting.

April 8-9, 2021. The Governance Committee Chair attended the Faculty Council of Community Colleges (FCCC) Spring Plenary, as liaison to their Governance Committee.

Committee accomplishments since the last plenary meeting:

We reviewed and approved proposed revisions to the UFS Elections Handbook. We reviewed and voted to move forward with the joint Operations/Governance resolution on 360 reviews of M/C employees.