

**Governance Committee**  
**Michael Motta, Chair**  
**SUNY University Faculty Senate**  
**2022 Spring Plenary**  
**April 7-9, 2022**

**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.

**2021-2022 Committee Members**

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**Committee Work Summary**

Since the Winter Plenary, the Governance Committee has primarily worked on two of its three goals for the year: updating the Governance Handbook and finishing the Guidelines revision. The shared governance rubric project has been paused to ensure completion of the other two goals. All committee

members are working on the Handbook. Flax, Helzner, Motta, Rezac, and Sharma comprise the Content Subcommittee, focused on revising the substantive content of the new digitized Handbook. McLean, Vitt, and Vooris comprise the Design Subcommittee, focused on how the content will be organized and experienced on our Internet site. Jennifer Redinger and Diane Hamilton have attended meetings and contributed significantly to the work of these Governance Committee subcommittees.

The Bylaws Task Force of Flax, McLean, Motta, Sandra Rezac, and Simon completed the work necessary to create the first iteration of the Guidelines, which will be presented to the Executive Committee for adoption consideration at this Spring Plenary.

### **Virtual Meetings**

Governance Handbook meetings: February 8, 2022; March 2, 2022

Shared Governance Rubric Meeting of Chair and Bhakti: January 25, 2022

Chair Attendance at Meeting with Landa, FCCC Pres., Flax, among others: February 23, 2022

### **Progress on 2021-2022 Committee Goals**

#### **1. Review and Update the Governance Handbook**

Both subcommittees have been substantial progress. A meeting of the whole committee after the Spring Plenary will create an action plan for the remainder of the term.

#### **2. Complete Revisions to Procedures**

The Procedures will be presented for adoption to the Executive Committee at the Spring Plenary.

#### **3. Create a Shared Governance Rubric**

This work was paused to ensure completion of the first two prioritized goals. Work will commence later in the term and this project will be a priority of the committee next term.