

**Governance Committee**  
**Sandra Rezac, Chair**  
**2021 Summer Planning Meeting**  
**Zoom**  
**June 3&4, 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.

**2020-21 Committee Members:**

Sandra Rezac – Chair	<a href="mailto:rezacsj@plattsburgh.edu">rezacsj@plattsburgh.edu</a>	SUNY Plattsburgh
Lisa Gliddens-CGL Convener	<a href="mailto:lisa.glidden@oswego.com">lisa.glidden@oswego.com</a>	SUNY Oswego
Cyndi Proctor—System Liaison	<a href="mailto:cynthia.proctor@suny.edu">cynthia.proctor@suny.edu</a>	SUNY System Administration
Fred Hildebrand-System Liaison	<a href="mailto:fred.hildebrand@suny.edu">fred.hildebrand@suny.edu</a>	SUNY System Administration
TBA—SA Liaison		SUNY Student Assembly
Jeff Steele—FCCC Liaison	<a href="mailto:steelej@herkimer.edu">steelej@herkimer.edu</a>	Herkimer Community College
Frank Byrne	<a href="mailto:frank.byrne@oswego.edu">frank.byrne@oswego.edu</a>	SUNY Oswego
Ray Carman	<a href="mailto:Raymond.carman@plattsburgh.edu">Raymond.carman@plattsburgh.edu</a>	SUNY Plattsburgh
Anika Daniels-Osaze	<a href="mailto:adaniels@downstate.edu">adaniels@downstate.edu</a>	SUNY Downstate
Elizabeth Helzner	<a href="mailto:Elizabeth.helzner@downstate.edu">Elizabeth.helzner@downstate.edu</a>	SUNY Downstate
James McLean	<a href="mailto:mclean@geneseo.edu">mclean@geneseo.edu</a>	SUNY Geneseo
Michael Motta	<a href="mailto:Michael.motta@farmingdale.edu">Michael.motta@farmingdale.edu</a>	Farmingdale College of Technology
Patricia (Trish) Ralph Gibson	<a href="mailto:pralph@brockport.edu">pralph@brockport.edu</a>	The College at Brockport
Frank Thornton	<a href="mailto:frank.thornton@oneonta.edu">frank.thornton@oneonta.edu</a>	SUNY Oneonta
David Vitt	<a href="mailto:David.vitt@farmingdale.edu">David.vitt@farmingdale.edu</a>	Farmingdale College of Technology

**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. (Completed)
- 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. (Completed)

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

Resolution to Institute 360 Review Practices for SUNY's M/C Employees (Completed)

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

f. Review and revise the UFS Election Handbook. (Completed)

### **Committee meeting dates (include type of meeting):**

Since the last summer planning meeting, 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.

December 10, 2020. Governance Committee Conference Call. We discussed a resolution entitled "Resolution: Amendment to the University Faculty Senate Bylaws for Equitable Representations for Health Science Centers" which was referred to us via the UFS President from a member of the University Centers sector. After lengthy discussion, we voted to not bring it forward from our committee. The majority of the members of the committee felt that this resolution should be reviewed by the Health Science Sector, and brought forward from that sector, if they support it.

January 12, 2021. The Governance Committee Chair attended the Faculty Council of Community Colleges (FCCC) winter committee meetings, as liaison to their Governance Committee.

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.

May 24, 2021. The Governance Committee Chair attended a meeting of recent participants in consultations/visitations to discuss possible revisions to the guidelines and processes.

### **Committee accomplishments since the last summer planning meeting:**

Our "Resolution regarding the importance of maintaining effective shared governance practices during times of crisis" was approved at the fall 2020 plenary.

Our panel "How Do Shared Governance and the Union Differ? Program Deactivation as a Case Study" took place at the fall 2020 plenary.

We reviewed a resolution entitled "Resolution: Amendment to the University Faculty Senate Bylaws for Equitable Representations for Health Science Centers" and suggested that it be referred to the Health Sciences sector.

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. This resolution was approved at the Spring 2021 Plenary.

### **Possible 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. Collaboration with Operations Committee on two projects:

-Generate a Best Practices Report for administrative searches (below the level of president).

-Resolution on updating, revising, and clarifying *The State University of New York Guide to Presidential Searches at State-Operated Institutions*

d. Special projects:

Sandra Rezac and Gwen Kay have agreed to revise the consultation and visitation guidelines.

Bylaws Subcommittee: Complete the Guidelines part of the Bylaws and Standing rules.