

Governance Committee
Sandra Rezac, Chair
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October 10-12, 2019

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 2019-20:

1. Bylaws and standing rules revisions. We will complete work on the proposed new Bylaws and Standing Rules and will present them to the Senate for discussion (fall plenary) and vote (winter plenary.)
2. Guidelines revisions. These were formerly referred to as Procedures in the 2013 Bylaws and Procedures. We will finish updating the guidelines this year.
3. Review and update the Governance Handbook. During this review, particular attention will be paid to the effectiveness of the consultation and visitation processes, since they have been used several times in recent years.
4. 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.

5 Revisit the verification of campus governance consultation (“program action”) resolution. We will look at the data collected last year and decide if we want to pursue further action on this goal, possibly in conjunction with the CGLs.

Committee meeting dates (include type of meeting):

The following meetings/conference calls have occurred since the Spring 2019 Plenary:

April 15, 2019. Bylaws subcommittee conference call. (Participants: Sandra Rezac, Henry Flax, James McLean, Shelly Mozlin, and Bruce Simon.) We continued discussing proposed revisions to the standing rules.

May 13, 2019. Bylaws subcommittee conference call. (Participants: Sandra Rezac, Henry Flax, James McLean, Shelly Mozlin, and Bruce Simon.) We continued discussing proposed revisions to the standing rules.

June 12, 2019. Bylaws subcommittee conference call. (Participants: Sandra Rezac, Henry Flax, James McLean, Shelly Mozlin, and Bruce Simon.) We continued discussing proposed revisions to the bylaws.

June 13, 2019. Bylaws subcommittee conference call. (Participants: Sandra Rezac, Henry Flax, James McLean, Shelly Mozlin, and Bruce Simon.) We continued discussing proposed revisions to the bylaws.

June 19, 2019. Bylaws subcommittee conference call. (Participants Sandra Rezac, Henry Flax, James McLean, and Shelly Mozlin.) We continued discussing proposed revisions to the bylaws and standing rules.

July 11, 2019. Bylaws subcommittee conference call. (Participants: Sandra Rezac, Henry Flax, James McLean, Shelly Mozlin, and Bruce Simon.) We continued discussing proposed revisions to the bylaws and standing rules.

July 16, 2019. Bylaws subcommittee conference call. (Participants: Sandra Rezac, Henry Flax, James McLean, Shelly Mozlin, and Bruce Simon.) We continued discussing proposed revisions to the bylaws and standing rules.

July 17, 2019. Bylaws subcommittee conference call. (Participants: Sandra Rezac, Henry Flax, James McLean, Shelly Mozlin, and Bruce Simon.) We continued discussing proposed revisions to the bylaws and standing rules.

August 1 -2, 2019. Bylaws subcommittee meeting in Albany. (Participants: Sandra Rezac, James McLean, Shelly Mozlin, and Bruce Simon.) We completed a draft of the standing rules, and began review of the guidelines.

September 9, 2019. Bylaws subcommittee conference call. (Participants: Sandra Rezac, James McLean, Shelly Mozlin, and Bruce Simon.) We continued discussing proposed revisions to the guidelines.

September 12-13, 2019. Fall Planning Meeting, Syracuse, NY. The Governance Committee set the committee agenda for the coming year and reviewed the draft bylaws and standing rules.

September 23, 2019. Bylaws subcommittee conference call. (Participants: Sandra Rezac, Henry Flax, James McLean, Mike Motta and Bruce Simon.) We discussed feedback regarding the draft bylaws and standing rules.

September 30, 2019. Bylaws subcommittee conference call. (Participants: Sandra Rezac, James McLean, Mike Motta, Trish Ralph, and Bruce Simon.) We finalized copies of the revised bylaws and standing rules to be sent to the Senate, and discussed committee charges.

Committee accomplishments since previous UFS Plenary:

Since the spring 2019 Plenary, we have completed the final draft of the proposed new bylaws and standing rules and sought feedback from the UFS Executive Committee and the 2019-20 Governance Committee. We have begun revisions to the guidelines. We set the committee agenda for the coming year.

Requests to UFS Senators from committee:

Please carefully review the proposed new UFS bylaws and standing rules which are being presented at this plenary, and be prepared to vote at the winter plenary.