

Governance Committee
Sandra Rezac, Chair
184th Winter Plenary at University at Albany
January 16-18, 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 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 Fall 2019 Plenary:

December 2, 2019. Governance Committee Conference Call. We began work on the Governance Handbook.

December 11, 2019. Bylaws subcommittee conference call. We began planning for the upcoming bylaws and standing rules votes.

December 19, 2019. Bylaws subcommittee conference call. We continued to work on revisions to the guidelines.

January 6, 2020. Bylaws subcommittee conference call. We discussed amendments to the proposed bylaws.

January 9, 2020. Bylaws subcommittee conference call. The agenda for this upcoming meeting is to continue revisions to the guidelines.

Committee accomplishments since previous UFS Plenary:

1. Bylaws and standing rules revisions. Since presenting the proposed bylaws and standing rules at the Fall Plenary, the bylaws taskforce has worked to prepare for the vote at the upcoming Winter Plenary. We have answered questions, reviewed potential amendments submitted by others, prepared an amendment, and made suggestions on how to carry out the vote.

2. Guidelines revisions. The bylaws taskforce has continued to work on these revisions.

3. Review and update the Governance Handbook. The governance committee has begun to review the Handbook. We have discussed each section and assigned sections to committee members to prepare suggested revisions and to locate the most recent versions of supporting documents.