

**SUNY University Faculty Senate
Governance Committee
Michael Motta, Chair
2022 Fall Plenary
Purchase College
October 20-22, 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

Genni Birren, Cortland
Puttagounder Dhanasakaran Swaminathan, Canton
Eric Eisenbraun, POLY
Henry Flax (Parliamentarian)
Daniel Marrone, Farmingdale
Mike Motta, Farmingdale (Chair)
Cyndi Proctor, SUNY System (System Liaison)
Sandra Rezac, Plattsburgh (CGL Convenor)
Amy Rosen-Brand, Buffalo State
Dennis Showers, Geneseo
Bruce Simon, Fredonia
Jeff Steele, Herkimer (FCCC Liaison)

Committee Work Summary

At the Fall Planning Meeting, the committee met and established their priorities for the year. The priorities, in hierarchical order, are to:

1. Amend the Guidelines and Standing Rules at the Fall Plenary to make it clearer that attendance at Fall Planning Meeting is of utmost importance (as directed by Executive Committee)
2. Continue revising and digitizing the Governance Handbook
3. Continue work on a shared governance rubric
4. Revise the Nominations and Elections Handbook
5. Build the groundwork for a repository of campus documents
6. Continue the work of the Bylaws Task Force, clarifying elements in our three governance documents, and creating links between them

Since then, the committee has worked independently and met virtually twice: on September 28, 2022 and October 12, 2022. They completed priority 1 above, and will make motions at the Executive Committee meeting regarding the Guidelines and at the full Plenary regarding the Standing Rules. The committee has also completed priority 4 above, and committee members have sent the updated handbook to those involved in the upcoming nomination and election season. The committee now turns its attention to priority 2. The plan is for committee members to complete revisions and independently, and then to seek an in-person meeting around January 2023 to compile and complete their work.