

**Governance Committee**  
**Sandra Rezac, Chair**  
**185<sup>th</sup> Spring Plenary Virtual Meeting**  
**April 17, 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):**

January 9, 2020. Bylaws Taskforce conference call. We continued to revise the Guidelines.

January 21, 2020. Bylaws Taskforce conference call. We continued to revise the Guidelines.

February 10, 2020. Bylaws Taskforce conference call. We continued to revise the Guidelines.

**Committee accomplishments since the last plenary:**

1. Bylaws and standing rules revisions. These were completed and approved at the Winter Plenary.

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

**Requests to UFS Senators from committee:**

Please let me know how academic policy changes due to COVID-19 are being handled on your campuses. Are they going through appropriate shared governance structures? Email me at rezacsj@plattsburgh.edu.

**Anticipated upcoming actions/accomplishments:**

Guidelines revisions should be completed by the Summer Planning Meeting, for approval by the Executive Committee.