

Governance Council Annual Report For Academic Year 2015-2016

The Governance Council of the Faculty Senate started the year with its first meeting on 9-22-15. At each meeting the Governance Council heard reports from each of the three committees that report to the Council. These committees are:

- 1) Committee on Committees: Jonathan Sturm, chair. Throughout the year Jonathan kept the council up-to-date on committee openings and progress in filling the openings.
- 2) Senate Documents Committee: Veronica Dark, chair. Throughout the year Veronica discussed with the council any handbook changes that would be forthcoming and any issues with the handbook that she thought we should discuss.
- 3) College and Departmental Document Review Committee: Jeffrey Kushkowski, chair. Jeffrey discussed the schedule the CDDR committee had for the year. The year was to be spent with finishing up college review and doing the first round of department reviews. The Governance Council requested an end of year report from CDDR that summarizes the reviews completed and the results (such as areas of non-compliance) and a plan for following up on any non-compliance areas that are found.

This year the council continued its focus on various issues dealing with Non-Tenure Eligible (NTE) appointments. A subcommittee was continued from last year to move action items concerning NTE topics forward. The members of this NTE subcommittee were: Carol Faber, Brett Sponseller, Martha Selby and Dawn Bratsch-Prince.

Summary of NTE subcommittee action:

Three meetings of the subcommittee were held: 2/4/16, 2/18/16 and 3/3/16. The focus of these meetings was to draft a proposal to bring to the council concerning Clinical Professor Titles.

The full Governance Council had eight meetings this year: 9/22/15, 10/6/15, 11/17/15, 1/28/16, 3/10/16, 3/24/16, 3/31/16 and 4/14/16. Agenda and minutes from each of these meetings are available on the Faculty Senate website.

Action items that came from the council this year:

- 1) S15-13 Visiting, Collaborators, Affiliates Appointments. Handbook changes to sections 3.3.5, 3.3.6, 3.3.7, 5.4.3, 5.4.4, and 5.4.5. This was a new business item on the Faculty Senate agenda on 4/5/16 and was voted on and approved on 4/19/16.
- 2) S15-14 Clinical Professor Titles. Handbook changes to sections 3.3.2.6 and 5.4.1.6. This was a new business item on the Faculty Senate agenda on 4/19/16 and could be voted on at the 5/3/16 meeting.

The Governance Council oversaw another successful election of senators and council chairs and appointments to the Athletic Council. Overall, the Governance Council had a busy year and tackled some very complicated and sometimes controversial issues.

This report is respectfully submitted by:

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Members of the Council are:

Martha Selby, chair

Andrew Manu (CALs), Yoshi Suzuki (BUS), Carol Faber (DES), Chris Williams (ENG), Patricia Leigh (HSC), Rebecca Jackson (LAS), Brett Sponseller (VET), Veronica Dark (Senate Documents chair), Jeff Kushkowsky (CCDR chair), Jack Girton (Ex-Officio – AAUP), and Dawn Bratsch-Prince (Ex-Officio – EVPP)