

Governance Council
Wednesday, November 20, 2017
3:00 PM
UNH 306

James Mower, Chair

Minutes

PRESENT: King, Chad; Malloch, Carolyn; Moore, Chris; Mower, James; Nold, Patrick; Poehlmann, Christian; Schmidt, John; Yonkers, Virginia; Young, Yuchi

Absent: Herrmann, Susan; Kressner, Ilka; Sorensen, Lucy

The meeting convened at 3:07 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of October 25, 2017 were approved, with one abstention.

CHAIR'S REPORT – Jim Mower

Chair Mower reviewed his written report, as submitted below:

Faculty Bylaws Amendments 1718-BA01 and 1718-BA02: Please keep encouraging your colleagues to vote. Voting closes at 5:00 PM Friday, Dec 5th.

Nominations for Excellence Award Selection Committees: Karin and I have been working on nominations to the various committees that select nominees for awards on teaching, service, etc. Bill Hedberg has asked the Senate to either promote new nominees or to select among the nominees that Bill proposed and accept them as Senate nominees. Since there were so many good nominees for these committees, we have decided to select names from the list and ask if they would serve. If you have names of other colleagues that you would like to see represented on one of the committees, please let Karin or me know. Here are the Committees: Excellence in Teaching, Excellence in Professional Service, Excellence in Librarianship, Excellence in Support (Classified) Service, Excellence in Academic Service, Excellence in Research and Creative Activities.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Discussion of content and presentation on Senate main webpage

Members John Schmidt and Yuchi Young presented a draft of suggested language for the Senate main webpage. GOV members discussed potential edits, which were to be incorporated into the draft. Chair Mower would forward the final document to the Senate officers for consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

Endorsement of resolution against the Board of trustees' decision on certification of charter schoolteachers

Chair Mower reported that Christy Smith, School of Education Assistant Dean for Academics and Assessment, had spoken at the SEC meeting about the demerits of the above proposal. He

stated that Chair Reinhold, on behalf of the SEC, had referred to GOV a request to consider supporting an endorsement against the proposal.

Following discussion, a motion was made and unanimously approved recommending that the SOE Dean be invited to a meeting of the SEC for further consideration of this resolution.

Exploration of paid alternatives to MyUAlbany voting mechanisms

Chair Mower explained that ITS had offered to partner with CLE to investigate alternate voting web solutions to MyUAlbany. CLE Chair Chris Poehlmann stated that Mike Sweeney, ITS solutions manager for Library System, would meet with CLE in January. Chair Mower added that Chief of Staff Bruce Szelest had requested to investigate any reasonable ways to modify the MyUAlbany system and note any potential cost. The CLE Chair noted that DOH voting faculty could be used as a subset to test voting through BallotBin, since they do not show up on the HR voting faculty list. Chair Mower recommended that Bill Hedberg be consulted, since he has deep institutional knowledge on the subject. CLE Chair Poehlmann agreed to follow up and report at the next GOV meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Elisa Lopez, Recorder