

**Governance Council**  
**Monday, September 7, 2016**  
**2:45 PM**  
**UNH 300**

Karin Reinhold, Chair

**Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Earle, Keith; Kressner, Ilka; Moore, Chris; Nowell, Greg; Reinhold, Karin; Schmidt, John

The meeting convened at 2:45 p.m. with introductions.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of May 12<sup>th</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup> were to be voted upon at the next meeting as quorum had not been met.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

GOV had an additional meeting in June to discuss the restructuring of the School of Engineering and Applied Science proposal by the new Dean Kim Boyer, and if governance had a role in Senate oversight. GOV decided the proposal needed to go through the normal channels of the council review process.

As President Jones had resigned, per the bylaws Senate leadership (2016-17 Vice Chair Karin Reinhold as proxy, with 2015-16 Past Senate Chair Joette Stefl-Mabry and 2015-16 Vice Chair Jim Collins via telephone), administrative leadership and deans of the schools met with SUNY Provost Cartwright regarding a presidential search. Cartwright requested nominations for the Interim President, who would be presented at the SUNY meeting in September, and reviewed procedures for forming the presidential search committee.

**SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Assessment**

The survey on shared governance report is almost done and will be presented at the Senate October meeting. Chair Reinhold shared resulting themes from survey responses. Members discussed potential solutions to issues raised.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. GOV reviewed its charges and the charges of its subcommittees on Assessment and on Elections and Liaisons. Members began populating those subcommittees. Chair Reinhold noted she would be charging the subcommittees to form working groups on contingent faculty and graduate students as well as to run forums on related issues.
- b. Jim Collins had met with Chief of Staff Wirkkula and University Council Chair Michael Castellana and would be further discussing the process for GOV to nominate 6 faculty members, and potentially 1 more faculty member and 1 student for the Presidential Search Committee.
- c. GOV reviewed a list, provided by Bill Hedberg of Institutional Research, of some committees which will require nominees. Chair Reinhold would ask about the number and composition of the committees and if there is an existing master list of committee memberships to help GOV members determine a list of potential candidates for various groups in the 2016-17 academic year. Senate leaders have asked, at regular monthly meetings with the administration, to be notified early regarding requests for nominations, and for review and feedback. It was noted that SUNY Senators should be reporting to the administration about such anticipated solicitations for representation and feedback on committees, etc. outside of governance. Chair Reinhold stressed to please be attentive to e-mails, as requests for nominations often require a quick turnaround.
- d. Strategies to improve Senate communication, meeting attendance and sharing of Senate reports, information and procedures were considered. Chair Reinhold would ask former subcommittee Elections and Liaisons Chair/Senate Secretary Yenisel Gulatee regarding the status of information in review to be posted to the Senate website. It was noted to support implementation we should work with ITS.

Per last year's recommendation, current GOV members would be granted access by the GOV Staff Support to a OneDrive folder to house shared documents for review. Procedures for accessing the folder were reviewed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Elisa Lopez, Recorder